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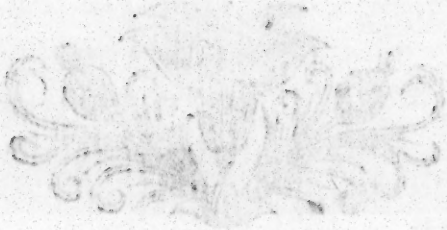
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T O T H E
Lord Visc^t. FALKLAND.

M Y L O R D,



W H E N first it enter'd into my Thoughts to make this Present to your Lordship, I received not only Encouragement, but Pleasure; since upon due Examination of my self, I found it was not a bare Presumption, but my Duty to the Remembrance of many Extraordinary Favours which I have receiv'd at your Hands.

For heretofore having had the Honour to be near You, and bred under the same Discipline with You, I can-

The Epistle Dedicatory.

not but own, that in a great Measure I owe the small Share of Letters I have to Your Lordship. For Your Lordship's Example taught me to be ashamed of Idleness; and I first grew in love with Books, and learn'd to value them, by the wonderful Progress which even in Your tender Years You made in them; so that Learning and Improvement grew daily more and more lovely in my Eyes, as they shone in You.

Your Lordship has an extraordinary Reason to be a Patron of Poetry, for Your great Father lov'd it. May Your Lordship's Fame and Employments grow as great, or greater than his were; and may Your Virtues find a Poet to record them, equal (if possible) to that great * Genius which sung of him.

My slender humble Talent must not hope for it; for You have a Judgment which I must always submit to, a general Goodness which I never (to its

* Mr. Waller.



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worth) can value: And who can praise that well which he knows not how to comprehend?

Already the Eyes and Expectations of Men of the best Judgment are fix'd upon You: For wheresoever You come, You have their Attention when present, and their Praise when You are gone: And I am sure (if I obtain but your Lordship's Pardon) I shall have the Congratulation of all my Friends, for having taken this Opportunity to express my self,

Your Lordship's

Most Humble Servant,

THO. OTWAY.

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PROLOGUE.

Spoken by Mr. Betterton.

IN Ages past, (when will those times renew?)
When Empires flourish'd, so did Poets too.
When great Augustus the World's Empire held,
Horace and Ovid's happy Verse excell'd.
Ovid's soft Genius, and his tender Arts
Of moving Nature, melted hardest Hearts.
It did th' Imperial Beauty, Julia, move
To listen to the Language of his Love.
Her Father honour'd him; and on her Breast,
With ravish'd Sense in her Embraces prest,
He lay transported, fancy-full, and blest.
Horace's lofty Genius boldlier rear'd
His manly Head, and through all Nature steer'd;
Her richest Pleasures in his Verse refin'd,
And wrought 'em to the Relish of the Mind.
He lash'd, with a true Poet's fearless Rage,
The Villanies and Follies of the Age.
Therefore Mæcenas, that great Fav'rite, rais'd
Him high, and by him was he highly prais'd.
Our Shakespear wrote too in an Age as blest,
The happiest Poet of his Time, and best;
A gracious Prince's Favour cheer'd his Muse,
A constant Favour he ne'er fear'd to lose.

There-



P R O L O G U E.

*Therefore he wrote with Fancy unconfin'd,
 And Thoughts that were Immortal as his Mind.
 And from the Crop of his luxuriant Pen
 E'er since succeeding Poets humbly glean.
 Though much the most unworthy of the Throng,
 Our this Day's Poet fears he's done him wrong.
 Like greedy Beggars that steal Sheaves away,
 You'll find h' has rifled him of half a Play.
 Amidst his baser Dross you'll see it shine
 Most beautiful, amazing, and divine.
 To such low Shifts, of late, are Poets worn,
 Whilst we both Wit's and Cæsar's Absence mourn. }
 Oh! when will He and Poetry return?
 When shall we there again behold him sit
 'Midst shining Boxes and a Courty Pit, }
 The Lord of Hearts, and President of Wit?
 When that blest Day (quick may it come) appears,
 His Cares once banish'd, and his Nation's Fears,
 The joyful Muses on their Hills shall sing
 Triumphant Songs of Britain's happy King.
 Plenty and Peace shall flourish in our Isle,
 And all things like the English Beauty smile.
 You, Criticks, shall forget your Natural Spite, }
 And Poets with unbounded Fancy write. }
 Even this Day's Poet shall be alter'd quite:
 His Thoughts more loftily and freely flow;
 And he himself, whilst you his Verse allow,
 As much transported as he's humble now. }*

Dramatis Personæ.

M E N.

Caius Marius.
Sylla.
Marius Junior.
Granius.
Metellus.
Quintus Pompeius.
Cinna.
Sulpitius.
Ancharius, a Senator.
Priest.
Apothecary.
Q. Pompeius's Son.
Guards, Lictors.
Ruffians, &c.

Mr. Betterton.
Mr. Williams.
Mr. Smith.
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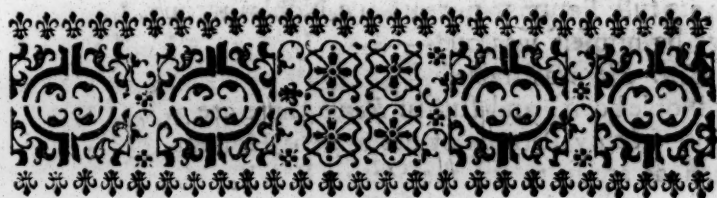
W O M E N.

Lavinia.
Nurse.

Mrs. Barry.
Mrs. Noakes.

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HISTORY and FALL
O F
CAIUS MARIUS.

A C T I. S C E N E I.

Within. [Liberty ! Liberty ! Liberty ! *Mar. and Sulpitius !*
Liberty ! Liberty ! Liberty ! &c.

Enter Metellus, Antonius, Cinna, and Senators.

M E T E L L U S.



WHEN will the Tur'lar Gods of *Rome* awake,
To fix the Order of our wayward State,
That we may once more know each
other ; know
Th' extent of Laws, Prerogatives and
Dues ;

The Bounds of Rules and Magistracy ; who
Ought first to govern, and who must obey ?
It was not thus when Godlike *Scipio* held
The Scale of Power ; he who with temp'rate Poise

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Knew how to guide the People's Liberty
In its full Bounds, nor did the Nobles wrong,
For he himself was one-----

Cin. He was indeed

A Noble born; and still in *Rome* there are
Most worthy Patrons of her antient Honour,
Such as are fit to fill the Seat of Pow'r,
And awe this riotous unruly Rabble,
That bear down all Authority before 'em,
Were we not sold to Ruin.

Met. Cinna, there

Thou'st hit my Mark: We are to Ruin sold;
In all things sold; Voices are sold in *Rome*:
And yet we boast of Liberty. Just Gods!
That Guardians of an Empire should be chosen
By the leud Noise of a licentious Rout?
The sturdiest Drinker makes the ablest Statesman.

Ant. Would it not anger any true-born *Roman*,
To see the giddy Multitude together,
Never consulting who 'tis best deserves,
But who feasts highest to obtain their Suffrage?
As 'tis not many Years since two great Men
In *Rome* stood equal Candidates together,
For high Command: In every House was Riot.
To Day the drunken Rabble reel to one;
To Morrow they were mad again for't'other;
Changing their Voices with their Entertainment:
And none could guess on whom the Choice would settle;
Till at the last a Stratagem was thought of.
A mighty Vessel of *Falernian* Wine
Was brought into the *Forum*, crown'd with Wreaths
Of Ivy, sacred to the Jolly God.
The Monster-People roar'd aloud for Joy:
When strait the Candidate himself appears
In Pomp, to grace the Present he had made 'em.
The Fools all gap'd. Then when awhile he had
With a smooth Tale tickled their Asses Ears,
He at both ends tapp'd his Butt, and got the Consulship.

Cin. This Curse we owe to *Marius's* Pride,
That made him first most basely bribe the People

For



For Consul in the War against *Jugurtha* :
Where he went out, *Metellus*, your Lieutenant,
And how the Kindness was return'd, all know.
I never lov'd his rough untoward Nature,
And wonder such a Weed got growth in *Rome*.

Met. What says my *Cinna*?

Cin. That I like not *Marius*,
Nor love him-----

Met. There *Rome's* better Genius spoke.
Let us consult and weigh this Subject well.
O *Romans*, he's the Thorn that galls us all.
Our harass'd State is crippled with the weight
Of his Ambition: We're nor safe in *Marius*.
Do I not know his Rise, his low beginning,
From what a wretched despicable Root
His Greatness grew? Gods! that a Peasant's Brat,
Born in the utmost Cottages of *Arpos*,
And foster'd in a Corner, should by Bribes,
By Covertness, and all the hateful Means
Of working Pride, advance his little Fate
So high, to vaunt it o'er the Lords of *Rome*?

Ant. Ambition, raging like a Dæmon in him,
Distorts him to all ugly Forms she's need to use:
In his first start of Fortune, O how vile
Were his Endeavours and Submissions then!
When suing to be chosen first *Edilis*,
He was by general Vote repuls'd, yet bore it,
And in the same Day shamefully return'd,
'Tobtain the second Office of that Name.
Equal was his Success, deny'd in both:
Yet could he condescend at last to ask
The Prætorship, and but with Bribes got that.
Yet this is he that has disturb'd the World,
Rome's Idol, and the Darling of her Wishes.

Met. I must confess it burthens much my Age,
To see the Man I hate thus ride my Country:
For, *Romans*, I have mighty Cause to hate him.
I was the first (and I am well rewarded)
That lent my Hand to raise his feeble State.
When first I made him Tribune by my Voice,

I thought there might be something in his Nature
That promis'd well. His Parents were most honest,
And serv'd my Father justly in their Trust.
Then as his Fortunes grew, when I was Consul,
And went against *Jugurtha* into *Africk*,
I took him with me one of my Lieutenants.
'Twas there his Pride first shew'd it self in Actions,
Oppress'd my Friends, and robb'd me of my Honour.

Cin. The Story's famous. Base Ingratitude,
Disimulation, Cruelty, and Pride,
Ill Manners, Ignorance, and all the Ills
Of one base born, in *Marius* are join'd.

Met. Even Age can't heal the Rage of his Ambition.
Six times the Consul's Office has he borne:
How well, our present Discords best declare.
Yet now again, when Time has worn him low,
Consum'd with Age, and by Diseases press'd,
He courts the People to be once more chosen,
To lead the War against King *Mitbridates*.

Ant. For this each Day he rises with the Sun,
And in the Field of *Mars* appears in Arms,
Excelling all our Youth in Warlike Exercise:
He rides and tilts, and when the Prize he's won,
He brings it back with Triumph into *Rome*,
And there presents it to the sordid Rabble;
Who shout to Heav'n, and cry, Let *Marius* live.

Met. He shall not have it, by the Gods he shall not.
There is a *Roman*, noble, just and valiant,
Sylla's his Name, sprung from the ancient Stock
Of the *Cornelii*, bred from's Youth in War,
Flush'd with Success, and of a Spirit bold,
And, more than all, hates *Marius*, still has crost
His Pride, and clouded ev'n his brightest Triumphs:
He's Consul now. Then let us all resolve,
And fix on him, to check this Havocker,
That with his Kennel of the Rabble hunts
Our Senate into Holes, and frights our Laws.

Cin. Agreed for *Sylla*.

All. All for *Sylla*.

Met. Nay,

This Monster *Marius*, who has us'd me thus,
Ev'n now would wed his Family with mine,
And ask my Daughter for his hated Off-spring.
But, for my Wrongs, *Lavinia* shall be *Sylla's*,
My eldest born; her, and the best of all
My Fortune, I'll confirm on him, to crush the Pride
Of this base-born, hot-brain'd, Plebeian Tyrant.

Ant. Now *Rome's* last Stake of Liberty is set,
And must be push'd for to the Teeth of Fortune.

Cin. Then *Caius Marius* shall not have the Consulship.

Met. No, I would rather be *Sulpitius's* Slave,
That furious headlong Libertine *Sulpitius*,
That mad wild Bull, whom *Marius* lets loose
On each occasion when he'd make *Rome* feel him,
To toss our Laws and Liberties i'th' Air.

Ant. That lawless Tribune then must be reduc'd,
Unhing'd from off the Power that holds him up,
His Band of full six hundred *Roman* Knights,
All in their Youth, and pamper'd high with Rior,
Which he his Guard against the Senate calls;
Tall wild young Men, and fit for glorious Mischiefs.

Met. Fear nothing; let but *Sylla* once have Pow'r;
And then see how like Day he'll break upon 'em,
And scatter all those Goblins of the Night,
Confusion's Night; where in the dark Disorders
Of a divided State, Men know not where
Or how to walk, for fear they lose their way,
And stumble upon Ruin. Mark the Race
Of *Sylla's* Life; observe but what has past,
How still he's borne a Face against this *Marius*,
And kept an equal stretch with him for Glory.

Cin. He's in the Capitol an Image set
Of Gold, in honour of his own Achievement;
Wherein's describ'd how the *Numidian* King
Gave up *Jugurtha* Prisoner to *Sylla*,
And all in spite of *Marius*. Oh now,
If you are truly *Roman* Nobles, wake,
Resume your Rights, and keep your *Sylla* Consul.
Courage, Nobility, and innate Honour,
Justice unbyas'd, the true *Roman* Spirit,

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Presence of Mind, and resolute Performance
Meet all in *Sylla*.

Met. Let's all agree for *Sylla*.

All. All for *Sylla*.

[*Exeunt.*]

Enter Marius Senior, Marius Junior, and Granius.

Mar. Sen. There *Rome's* Dæmons go.

Like Witches in ill Weather, in this Storm
And Tempest of the State they meet in Corners,
And urge Destruction higher : for this end
They've rais'd their Imp, their dear Familiar, *Sylla*,
To cross my Way, and stop my Tide of Glory.
If I am *Caius Marius*, if I'm he
That brought *Jugurtha* chain'd in Triumph hither ;
If I am he that led *Rome's* Armies out,
Spent all my Years in Toil and cruel War,
Chill'd my warm Youth in cold and Winter-Camps,
'Till I brought settled Peace and Plenty home,
Made her the Court and Envy of the World ;
Why does she use me thus ?

Mar. Jun. Because she's rul'd

By lazy Drones that feed on others Labours,
And fatten with the Fruits they never toil'd for ;
Old gouty Senators of crude Minds and Brains,
That always are fermenting Mischief up,
And style their private Malice publick Safety----

Gran. One discontented Villain leads a State
To Madness. There's that Bell-weather of Mutiny
And damn'd Sedition, *Cinna*, of a Life
And Manners sordid ; one whose Gain's his God ;
And to that cursed end he'd sacrifice
His Country's Honour, Liberty, or Peace :
Nay, had he any, ev'n his very Gods.

Mar. Sen. H's taken *Rome* even in the nicest Minute,
And easily debauch'd her to his ends,
When she was over-cloy'd with Happiness,
Wantonly full, and longing after Change.
For *Sylla* too, a Boy, a Woman's Play-thing,
She has relinquish'd me, and flouts my Age.
Constant ill Fortune wait upon her for't,
And wreck her Fate as low as first I found it,

When

When it lay trembling like a hunted Prey,
 And hungry Ruin had it in the Wind;
 When barbarous Nations of a Race unknown,
 From undiscover'd Northern Regions came,
 To lay her waste, and sweep her from the Earth;
 'Till I, I *Marius* rose, the Soul of all
 The hope sh'ad left, and with unwearied Toil,
 Dangers each Hour, and never-sleeping Care,
 (A burthen for a God) oppos'd my self
 'Twixt her and Desolation, gorg'd the Maw
 Of Death with slaughter'd numbers of her Foes,
 Restor'd her Peace, and made her Name renown'd.

Mar. Jun. The Glory of that War must be remember'd,
 When *Rome*, like her old Mother *Troy*, shall lie
 In Ashes----Full three hundred thousand Men,
 All Sons of Fortune, born and bred in Fields,
 Whose Trade was War, and Camps their Habitation,
 Hung like a Swarm of Mischiefs on the Hills
 Of *Italy*, and threatened Fate to *Europe*.

Gran. They came in Tribes, as if to take Possession,
 And seem'd a People whom the Hand of Fate
 Had scourg'd by Famine from a barren Land;
 Of Visage foul and ugly, pinch'd and chapp'd
 By bitter Frosts and Winter-Winds; yet fierce
 As hungry Lyons of the Desert.
 Their Wives with Loads of Children at their Backs,
 Bold manly Haggs, whom Shame had long forsook,
 And vagrant living had inur'd to Ill,
 Follow'd in Troops like Furies.

Mar. Jun. And all was done too when that Dolt *Metellus*
 Shrank like a Worm, and *Sylla* scarce was heard of.

Mar. Sen. That curst *Metellus* still has been my Plague;
 And ever done me most deliberate Wrong;
 Because, like a tame Hawk, I scorn'd to fly
 Just at his Quarries, and attend his Lure.
 Because I grew too great for him in Wars,
 And serv'd his Country well, he hates me. Twice
 Have I already offer'd him Alliance,
 And ask'd *Lavinia*, *Marius*, for thy Bed.
 Beggary catch me when again I court him.

Why

Why sigh'st thou Boy? still at th'unlucky Name
Of that *Lavinia*, I have observ'd thee thus
With thy Looks fix'd, as if thy Fate had seiz'd thee.

Mar. Jun. Why did you name *Lavinia*? would she'ad
Been born, or that *Metellus* had not got her. [ne'er

Mar. Sen. Forget her, *Marius*; she's a dainty Bit,
A Delicate, for none but *Sylla*'s taste,
The Fav'rite *Sylla*, th'Idol thar's set up
To blast thy Hopes, and cloud thy Father's Glories.
Consider that, my *Marius*, and forget her.

Mar. Jun. Forget her? Oh! she's Beauty might ensnare
A Conqueror's Soul, and make him leave his Crowns
At random to be scuffled for by Slaves.
Forget her! Oh! teach me (great Parent) teach me;
Read me each Day a Lecture of the Wrongs
Done you by that inglorious Patrician,
'Till my Heart know no Longings but Revenge,
And quite forget *Lavinia* e'er dwelt there.
Methinks 'would not be hard, e'en midst the Senate,
To strike this through him in his Consul's Chair,
'Tumble him thence, and mount it in his stead.

Mar. Sen. Oh! name not him and Consulship together,
Sylla and Consul! set 'em far apart
As East from West, for as they now are met,
It bodes Confusion, *Rome*, to thee and thine.

Gran. I'd rather see *Rome* but one Funeral Pile,
And all her People quitting her like Bees,
Driven by Sulphur from their Hives;
Much rather see her Senators in Chains
Dragg'd thro' the Streets to Death, and Slaves made Lords,
Than see that vain presumptuous Upstart's Pride
Succeed to lead the Armies you have bred.

Mar. Sen. 'Tis such a Wrong as even tortures Thought,
That we who've been her Champion forty Years,
Fought all her Battels with renown'd Success,
And never lost her yet a Man in vain,
Should, now her noblest Fortune is at Stake,
And *Mithridates*' Sword is drawn, be thrown
Aside, like some old broken batter'd Shield:
To see my Laurels wither as I rust:

And

And all this mang'd by the cursed Craft,
 Petulant Envy, and malignant Spight
 Of that old barking Senate's Dog *Metellus*.
 Stake me, just Gods, with Thunder to the Earth,
 Lay my grey Hairs low in the Cave of Death,
 Rather than live in mem'ry of such Shame.

Gran. Perish *Metellus* first, and all his Race.

Mar. Sen. There spoke the Soul of *Marius*. By the head
 Of *Jove*,

I hate him worse than Famine or Diseases.
 Perish his Family, let inveterate Hate
 Commence between our Houses from this moment;
 And meeting never let 'em Bloodless part.
 Go, *Granius*, bid *Sulpitius* straight be ready
 To meet me with his Guards upon the *Forum*.
 By all the Gods, I'll chase the Dæmon out,
 That rages thus in *Rome*; or let her Blood
 To that degree, 'till she grow tame enough
 To tremble at the Rod of my Revenge.
 Why didst not thou applaud me for the Thought,
 Take m'in thy Arms, and cherish my old Heart?
 'T had been a lucky Omen. Art thou dumb?

Mar. Jun. As dumb as solemn Sorrow ought to be.
 Could my Grievs speak, the Tale would have no end.
 Must I resolve to hate *Metellus*' Race,
 Yet know *Lavinia* took her Being thence?
Lavinia! Oh! there's Musick in the Name,
 That softning me to infant Tendernefs,
 Makes my Heart spring like the first leaps of Life.

Mar. Sen. Then thou art lost: If thou art Man or *Roman*,
 If thou hast Virtue in thee, or can'st prize
 Thy Father's Honour, scorn her like a Slave.
 Hell! Love her? Damn her: There's *Metellus* in her.
 In every Line of her betwicking Face,
 There's a Resemblance tells whose Brood she came of.
 I'd rather see thee in a Brothel trap,
 And basely wedded to a Russian's Whore,
 Than thou shouldst think to taint my generous Blood
 With the base Puddle of that o'er-fed Gown-man.
Lavinia!

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Mar. Jun. Yes, *Lavinia*: Is she not
 As harmless as the Tuttle of the Woods?
 Fair as the Summer-Beauty of the Fields?
 As opening Flow'rs untainted yet with Winds,
 The Pride of Nature, and the Joy of Sense?
 Why first did you bewitch me else to weakness?
 When from the Sacrifice we came together,
 And as by her's our Chariot drove along
 These were your Words: That, *Marius*, that is she
 That must give Happiness to thee and *Rome*,
 Confirming in thy Arms my wish'd-for Peace
 With old *Metellus*, and break *Sylla's* Heart.

Mar. Sen. Then she was charming.

Mar. Jun. Oh! I found her so.
 I look'd and gaz'd, and never miss'd my Heart,
 It fled so pleasingly away. But now
 My Soul is all *Lavinia's*, now 'she's fixt
 Firm in my Heart by secret Vows made there,
 Th'indelible Records of Faithful Love.
 You'd have me hate her. Can my Nature change?
 Create me o'er again----and I may be
 That haughty Master of my self you'd have me:
 But as I am, the Slave of strong Desires,
 That keep me struggling under; though I see
 The hopeless state of my unhappy Love;
 With torment, like a stubborn Slave that lies
 Chain'd to the Floor, stretch'd helpless on his Back,
 I look to Liberty, and break my Heart.

Mar. Sen. Has she yet heard your Love, or granted her's?

Mar. Jun. If Eyes may speak the Language of the Heart,
 If tend'rest Glances, Sighs, and sudden Blushes
 May be interpreted for Love in one
 So Young, so Fair, and Innocent as she,
 Our Souls can ne'er be Strangers----

Mar. Sen. No more, I'll have *Lavinia* nam'd no more.
 When next thou nam'st her, let it be with Infamy.
 Tell me, she's whor'd or fled her Father's House
 With some coarse Slave t'a secret Cell of Lust,
 And then I'll bless thee.

Mar. Sen. I shall obey. Gods, from your Skies look down,
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And find like me one wretched, if you can:
No, Sir, I'll speak that hateful Name no more,
But be as curst as you can with your Son.

Enter Sulpitius.

Mar. Sen. Oh *Sulpitius* !

Thou darling of m'Ambition, art thou come?
What News?

Sulp. I've left a Present at your House,
The Head of a *Metellus*, a gay, tall,
Young thing, that was in time t'have been a Lord,
But he's but Worms-meat now.

Mar. Sen. My best *Sulpitius*,
Thou always comfort'st me. See here a Man,
A Stranger to my Blood as well as Fortune;
But meerly of his choice my Honour's Friend:
What mighty things would he not do for me?
Could'st thou, when Honour call'd thee, whine for Love?--

Sulp. How? my young Son of War in Love? with whom?

Mar. Jun. A Woman, Sir.---I must not speak her Name.

Sulp. If it be hopeless Love, use generous Means,
And lay a kinder Beauty to the Wound.
Take in a new Infection to the Heart,
And the rank Poyson of the old will die-- --

Mar. Jun. Planraue-Leaf is excellent for that.

Sulp. For what?

Mar. Jun. For broken Shins.

Sulp. Why? art thou mad?

Mar. Jun. Not Mad, but bound more than a Mad-man is,
Confin'd to Limits, kept without my Food,
Whipt and tormented.---Pr'ythee do not wake me;
Let me dream on-----

Sulp. Oh! the small Queen of Fairies
Is busie in his Brains; the *Mab* that comes
Drawn by a little Team of smallest Atoms
Over Men's Noses as they lie asleep,
In a Chariot of an empty Hazel-nut,
Made by a Joyner-Squirrel: in which State
She gallops Night by Night through Lovers Brains;
And then how wickedly they dream, all know.
Sometimes she courses o'er a Courtier's Nose,

And

And then he dreams of begging an Estate,
 Sometimes she hurries o'er a Soldier's Neck,
 And then dreams he of cutting foreign Throats;
 Of Breaches, Ambuscado's, temper'd Blades,
 Of good rich Winter-quarters, and false Musters.
 Sometimes she tweaks a Poet by the Ear,
 And then dreams he
 Of Panegyricks, flatt'ring Dedications,
 And mighty Presents from the Lord knows who,
 But wakes as empty as he laid him down.
 She has been with *Sylla* too, and he dreams now
 Of nothing but a Consulship!

Mar. Sen. A Rattle!

Give the fantastick giddy Boy a Rattle;
 The puling Fondling should not want a Play-thing,
 A Consulship!

Sulp. By all the Gods, he'll shake it.
 H'as drawn a Force from *Capua* here to *Rome*,
 As if he meant Destruction or Success:
 The Rabble too are drunk with him already-----

Mar. Sen. Alarum all our Citizens to Arms
 That are my Friends. Draw you your Guards together,
 And take Possession of the *Forum*. Thou,
 Inglorious Boy, behold my Face no more,
 'Till thou'st done something worthy of my Name.

Mar. Jun. First perish *Rome*, and all I hold most dear,
 Rather than let me feel my Father's Hate-----

Mar. Sen. Why, that's well said-----

Sulp. My Troops are all together,
 All ready on the *Forum*: But the Heav'ns
 Play Tricks with us. Our Ensigns as they stood
 Display'd before our Troops, took Fire untouch'd,
 And burnt to Tinder.

Three Ravens brought their young ones in the Streets,
 Devouring 'em before the People's Eyes,
 Then bore the Garbage back into their Nests.
 A noise of Trumpets rattling in the Air
 Was heard, and dreadful Cries of dying Men.

Mar. Sen. It was the *Roman* Genius, that thus warns
 Me, her old Friend, not to let slip my Fate.

Ambition!

Ambition! Oh, Ambition! If I've done
For thee things great and well---shall Fortune now
Forſake me?

Hark thee, *Sulpitius*, if it come to Blows,
Let not a Hair of that *Metellus* 'ſcape thee,
Who'd ſtrip my Age of its moſt dear-bought Honours,
Elſe why have I thus buſtled in the World,
Through various and uncertain Fortune hurl'd,
But to be great, unequall'd and alone?

Which only he can be who ſtill ſpurs on
As ſwift at laſt as when he firſt begun.

[*Exeunt.*]

ACT II. SCENE I.

Enter Metellus and Nurſe.

Met. I Cannot reſt to-night: Ill-boding Thoughts
Have chas'd ſoft Sleep from my unſettled Brains;
This ſeems *Lavinia's* Chamber, and ſhe up.
Reſt too to-night has been a Stranger here.

Lavinia! My Daughter, ho! Where art thou?

Nurſe. Now by my Maiden-head (at twelve Years old
I had one)

Come, what Lamb? What, Lady-bird? Gods forbid,
Where's this Girl *Lavinia*?

Enter Lavinia.

Lav. How now? Who calls?

Nurſe. Your Father, Child.

Lav. I'm here. Your Lordſhip's Pleaſure.

Met. Why up at this unlucky time of Night,
When nought but loathſome Vermin are abroad,
Or Witches gathering poiſ'nous Herbs for Spells,
By the pale Light of the cold waning Moon?

Lav. Alas! I could not ſleep: In a ſad Dream
Methought I ſaw one ſtanding by my Bed,
To warn me I ſhould have a Care of Sleep.
For 'twould be baneful----

Met. Dreams give Children Fears.

Lav. At which I roſe from my uneaſie Pillows,
And to my Cloſet went, to pray the Gods
T'avert th'unlucky Omen.

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Met. 'Twas well done.

Nurse, give us leave a while: I must impart
Something to my *Lavinia*. Yet stay,
And hear it too. Thou know'st *Lavinia's* Age.

Nurse. Faith I know her Age to an Hour.

Met. She's bare sixteen.

Nurse. I'll lay sixteen of my Teeth of it; and yet no
Disparagement, I have but six, she's not sixteen. How
long is't now since *Marius* triumph'd last!

Met. No matter, Woman; what's that to thee?

Nurse. Even or odd, of all Days in the Year, since *Marius*
enter'd *Rome* in Triumph, 'tis now even thirteen
Years. Young *Marius* then too was but a Boy. My
Lais and she were both of an Age. Well, *Lais* is in Hap-
piness, she was to good for me. But as I was saying,
a Month hence she'll be sixteen. 'Tis since *Marius*, tri-
umph'd now full thirteen Years, and then she was wean-
ed. Sure I shall never forget it of all Days.--- Upon
that Day (for I had then laid Wormseed to my Breast,
sitting in the Sun under the Dove-house Wall) my Lady
and you were at the Show. Nay, I do bear a Brain!
But, as I said before, when it did taste the Wormseed on
my Nipple, and felt it bitter, pretty Fool! to see it rea-
chy and fall out with the Nipple. Shout, quo' the Peo-
ple in the Streets. 'Twas no need, I trow, to bid me
strudge. And since that time it is thirteen Years; and
then she could stand alone, nay, she could run and wad-
dle all about: For just the Day before she broke her
Forehead, and then my Husband (Peace be with him, he
was a merry Man) took up the Baggage. Ay, quo' he,
dost thou fall upon thy Face? Thou wilt fall backward
when thou hast more Wit; wilt thou not, *Vienny*? and
by my Fackins, the pretty Chit left Crying, and said.
Ay--- I warrant an I should live a thousand Years, I
never should forget it. Wilt thou not, *Vienny*, quo' he,
and pretty Fool, it stopt, and said, Ay.

Met. Enough of this; stop thy impertinent Chat.

Nurse. Yes, my Lord: Yet I cannot chuse but laugh,
to think it should leave crying, and say, Ay---And yet
in Sadness it had a Bump on its Brow as big as a Cock-
ril's

ril's Stone, a parlous Knock, and it cry'd bitterly. Ay, quo' my Husband, fall'st upon thy Face? thou wilt fall backward when thou com'st to Age, wilt thou not *Vienny*? Look you now, it stinted, and said, Ay----

Met. Intolerable trifling Gossip, peace.

Nurse. Well; thou wast the pretty'st Babe, that e'er I Nurst. Might I but live to see thee marry'd once, I should be happy. It stinted, and said, Ay----

Met. What think you then of Marriage, my *Lavinia*? It was the Subject that I came to treat of.

Lav. It is a thing I have not dreamt of yet.

Nurse. Thing? the thing of Marriage? were I not thy Nurse, I would swear thou had'st suck'd thy Wisdom from thy Teat. The thing?

Met. Think of it now then, for I come to make Proposals may be worthy of your Wishes. They are for *Sylla*, the young, the gay, the handsome, Noble in Birth and Mind, the valiant *Sylla*.

Nurse. A Man, young Lady, Lady, such a Man as all the World--why, he's a Man of Wax.

Met. Consider, Child, my Hopes are all in thee, And now old Age gains ground so fast upon me, 'Mongst all its sad Infirmities, my Fears For thee are not the smallest.

Therefore I've made Alliance with this *Sylla*, A high-born Lord, and of the noblest Hopes That *Rome* can boast, to give thee to his Arms; So in the Winter of my Age to find Rest from all worldly Cares, and kind rejoicing In the warm Sunshine of thy Happiness.

Lav. If Happiness be seated in Content, Or that my being blest'd can make you so, Let me implore it on my Knees. I am Your only Child, and still, through all the Course Of my past Life have been obedient too: And as you've ever been a loving Parent, And bred me up with watchful tender'st Care, Which never cost me hitherto a Tear; Name not that *Sylla* any more, indeed I cannot love him.

Met. Why?

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Lav. Indeed I cannot.

Met. Oh early Disobedience! by the Gods,
Debauch'd already to her Sex's Folly,
Perverseness, and untoward head-strong Will!

Lav. Think me not so; I gladly shall submit
To any thing; nay, must submit to all:
Yet think a little, or you sell my Peace.
The Rites of Marriage are of mighty moment:
And should you violate a thing so sacred
Into a lawful Rape, and load my Soul
With hateful Bonds, which never can grow easie,
How miserable am I like to be?

Met. Has then some other taken up your Heart,
And banish'd Duty as an Exile thence?
What sensual lewd Companion of the Night
Have you been holding Conversation with,
From open Windows at a Midnight hour,
When your loose Wishes would not let you sleep?

Lav. If I should love, is that a Fault in one
So young as I? I cannot guess the Cause,
But when you first nam'd *Sylla* for my Love,
My Heart shrunk back as if you'd done it wrong;
If I did love, I'll tell you---if I durst.
Oh *Marius*!

Met. Hah!

Lav. 'Twas *Marius*, Sir, I nam'd,
That Enemy to you and all your House.
'Twas an unlucky Omen that the first
Demanded me in Marriage for his Son.
Yet, Sir, believe me, I as soon could wed
That *Marius*, whom I've cause to hate, as *Sylla*.

Met. No more; by all the Gods, 'twill make me mad,
That daily, nightly, hourly, every way
My Care has been to make thy Fortune high;
And having now provided thee a Lord
Of noblest Parentage, of fair Demefns,
Early in Fame, youthful, and well ally'd,
In every thing as Thought could wish a Man,
To have at last a wretched puling Fool,
A whining Suckling, ignorant of her Good,

To answer *I'll not wed, I cannot love.*
 If thou art mine, resolve upon Compliance,
 Or think no more to rest beneath my Roofs.
 Go, try thy risk in Fortune's barren Field,
 Graze where thou wilt, but think no more of me,
 'Till thy Obedience welcome thy Return.

Lav. Will you then quite cast off your poor *Lavinia*,
 And turn me like a Vagrant out of Doors,
 To wander up and down the Streets of *Rome*,
 And beg my Bread with Sorrow? Can I bear
 The proud and hard Revilings of a Slave;
 Fat with his Master's Plenty, when I ask
 A little Pity for my pinching Wants?
 Shall I endure the cold, wet, windy Night,
 To seek a Shelter under dropping Eves,
 A Porch my Bed, a Threshold for my Pillow,
 Shivering and starv'd for want of Warmth and Food,
 Swell'd with my Sighs, and almost choak'd with Tears?
 Must I, at the uncharitable Gates
 Of proud great-Men implore Relief in vain?
 Must I your poor *Lavinia*, bear all this,
 Because I am not Mistress of my Heart,
 Or cannot love according to your liking?

Met. Art thou not Mistress of thy Heart then?

Lav. No;

'Tis given away.

Met. To whom?

Lav. I dare not tell.

But I'll endeavour strongly to forget him,
 If you'll forget but *Sylla*.

Met. Thou dost well.

Conceal his Name, if thou'dst preserve his Life:
 For if there be a Death in *Rome* that might
 Be bought, it should not miss him. From this Hour
 Curst be thy Purposes, most curst thy Love.
 And if thou marry'st, in thy Wedding Night
 May all the Curses of an injur'd Parent
 Fall thick, and blast the Blessings of thy Bed.

Lav. What have you done? alas! Sir, as you spoke,
 Methought the Fury of your Words took place,

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And struck my Heart like Lightning, dead within me.
Gone too? [*Exit Metellus.*]

Is there no Pity sitting in the Clouds
That sees into the Bottom of my Grief?
Alas! that ever Heav'n should practise Stratagems
Upon so soft a Subject as my self!
What say'st thou? hast thou not a Word of Joy?
Some Comfort, Nurse, in this Extremity.

Nurse. Marry: and there's but need on't: Ods my Life,
this Dad of ours was an arrant Wag in his young Days
for all this. Well, and what then? *Marius* is a Man, and
so's *Sylla*. Oh! but *Marius's* Lip! and then *Sylla's* Nose
and Forehead! but then *Marius's* Eye again, how 'twill
sparkle, and twinkle, and rowl, and sleer? But to see *Sylla*
a Horse-back! But to see *Marius* walk or dance! such a
Leg, such a Foot, such a Shape, such a Motion. Ah a---
Well, *Marius* is the Man, must be the Man, and shall be
the Man.

Lav. He's by his Father's Nature rough and fierce,
And knows not yet the Follies of my Love:
And when he does, perhaps may scorn and hate me.

Nurse. Yes, yes, he's a rude, unmannerly, ill-bred Fel-
low. He's not the Flow'r of Courtesie; but I'll war-
rant him, as gentle as a Lamb. Go thy ways, Child,
serve God. What? a Father's an old Man, and old Men,
they say will take care. But a young Man? Girl, ah! a
young Man! there's a great deal in a young Man, and thou
shalt have a young Man. What! I have been thy Nurse
these sixteen Years, and I should know what's good for
thee surely. Oh! Ay---a young Man!

Lav. Now, pr'ythee leave me to my self a-while.

[*Exit Nurse.*]

'Tis hardly yet within two Hours of Day.
Sad Nights seem long---- I'll down into the Garden.
The Queen of Night
Shines fair with all her Virgin-stars about her.
Not one amongst them all a Friend to me:
Yet by their Light a while I'll guide my Steps,
And think what Course my wretched State must take.
Oh, Marius!

Exit Lavinia.

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SCENE II. *A walled Garden belonging to Metellus's House.*

Enter Marius Junior.

Mar. Jun. How vainly have I spent this idle Night!
Even Wine can't heal the ragings of my Love.
This sure should be the Mansion of *Lavinia*;
For in such Groves the Deities first dwelt.
Can I go forward, when my Heart is here?
Turn back, dull Earth, and find thy Centre out.

[Enters the Garden.]

Enter Granus and Sulpitius.

Gra. This way----he went---- Why, *Marius*! Brother *Marius*!

Sul. Perhaps he's wife, and gravely gone to Bed.
There's not so weak a Drunkard as a Lover;
One Bottle to his Lady's Health quite addles him.

Gra. He ran this way, and leap'd this Orchard-Wall.
Call, good *Sulpitius*.

Sulp. Nay, I'll conjure too.
Why, *Marius*! Humours! Passion! Mad-man! Lover
Appear thou in the likeness of a Sigh.
Speak but one Word, and I am satisfy'd.
He hears not, neither stirs he yet. Nay then
I conjure thee by bright *Lavinia*'s Eyes,
By her high Forehead, and her scarlet Lip,
By her fine Foot, strait Leg, and quivering Thigh,
And the Demesns that there adjacent lye,
That in thy Likeness thou appear to us.

Gra. Hold, good *Sulpitius*, this will anger him ----

Sulp. This cannot anger him. 'Twould anger him
To raise a Spirit in his Lady's Arms,
'Till she had laid and charm'd it down again.

Gra. Let's go; he has hid himself among these Trees,
To die his Melancholick Mind in Night:
Blind in his Love, and best befits the Dark.

Sulp. Pox o'this Love, this little scarecrow Love,
That frights Fools with his painted Bow of Lath
Out of their feeble Sense.

Gran,

Gran. Stop there---let's leave the Subject and its Slave;
Or burn *Metellus* House about his Ears.

Sulp. This Morning *Sylla* means to enter *Rome*:
Your Father too demands the Consulship.
Yet now when he should think of cutting Throats,
Your Brother's lost; lost in a maze of Love,
The idle Truantry of callow Boys.
I'd rather trust my Fortunes with a Daw,
That hops at every Butterfly he sees,
Than have to do in Honour with a Man
That sells his Virtue for a Woman's Smiles. [*Exeunt.*

Enter Marius Junior in the Garden.

Mar. Jun. He laughs at Wounds that never felt their
smart.

What Light is that which breaks thro' yonder Shade?

[*Lavinia in the Balcony.*

Oh! 'tis my Love.

She seems to hang upon the Cheek of Night,
Fairer than Snow upon the Raven's Back,
Or a rich Jewel in an *Æthiop's* Ear.
Were she in yonder Sphere, she'd shine so bright,
That Birds would sing, and think the Day were breaking.

Lav. Ah me!

Mar. Jun. She speaks,
Oh! speak again, bright Angel; for thou art
As glorious to this Night, as Sun at Noon
To the admiring Eyes of gazing Mortals,
When he bestrides the lazy puffing Clouds,
And sails upon the Bosom of the Air.

Lav. O *Marius, Marius!* wherefore art thou *Marius*?
Deny thy Family, renounce thy Name:
Or if thou wilt not, be but sworn my Love,
And I'll no longer call *Metellus* Parent.

Mar. Jun. Shall I hear this, and yet keep silence?

Lav. No.

'Tis but thy Name that is my Enemy.
Thou wouldst be still thy self, tho' not a *Marius*,
Belov'd of me, and charming as thou art.
What's in a Name? that which we call a Rose,
By any other Name wou'd smell as sweet.

So

So *Marius*, were he not *Marius* call'd,
Be still as dear to my desiring Eyes,
Without that Title. *Marius*, lose thy Name,
And for that Name, which is no part of thee,
Take all *Lavinia*.

Mar. Jun. At thy word I take thee,
Call me but Thine, and Joys will so transport me,
I shall forget my self, and quite be chang'd.

Lav. Who art thou that thus hid and veil'd in Night,
Hast overheard my Follies?

Mar. Jun. By a Name
I know not how to tell thee who I am.
My Name, dear Creature's hateful to my self:
Because it is an Enemy to thee.

Lav. Marius? how cam'st thou hither? tell, and why?
The Orchard-walls are high, and hard to climb,
And the place Death, considering who thou art,
If any of our Family here find thee.
By whose Directions didst thou find this place?

Mar. Jun. By Love, that first did prompt me to enquire,
He lent me Counsel, and I lent him Eyes.
I am no Pilot; yet wert thou as far
As the vast Shore wash'd by the farthest Sea,
I'd hazard Ruin for a Prize so dear----

Lav. Oh *Marius*! vain are all such Hopes and Wishes,
The Hand of Heav'n has thrown a Bar between us,
Our Houses Hatred, and the Fate of *Rome*,
Where none but *Sylla* must be happy now.
All bring him Sacrifices of some sort,
And I must be a Victim to his Bed.
To-night my Father broke the dreadful News;
And when I urg'd him for the Right of Love,
He threaten'd me to banish me his House,
Naked and shifless to the World. Wouldst thou
Marius, receive a Beggar to thy Bosom?

Mar. Jun. Oh! were my Joys but fixt upon that Point
I'd then shake Hands with Fortune, and be Friends;
Thus grasp my Happiness, embrace it thus,
And bless th' ill turn that gave thee to my Arms.

Lav.

Lav. Thou know'st the Mask of Night is on my Face,
Else should I blush for what thou'st heard me speak.
Fain would I dwell on Form; fain deny
The things I've said: but farewell all such Follies.
Dost thou then love? I know thou'lt say thou dost;
And I must take thy word, tho' thou prove false. [above.

Mar. Jun. By yon bright *Cynthia's* Beams that shines

Lav. Oh! swear not by the Moon, th' inconstant Moon,
That changes monthly, and shines but by Seasons,
Lest that thy Love prove variable too.

Mar. Jun. What shall I swear by?

Lav. Do not swear at all.

Or, if thou wilt, swear by thy gracious self,
Who art the God of my Idolatry,
And I'll believe thee.

Mar. Jun. Witness all ye Powers.

Lav. Nay, do not swear: although my Joy be great,
I'm hardly satisfy'd with this Night's Contract:
It seems too rash, too unadvis'd and sudden,
Too like the Lightning, which does cease to be
Ere one can say it is. Therefore this time
Good-night, my *Marius*. May a happier Hour
Bring us to crown our Wishes.

Mar. Jun. Why wilt thou leave me so unsatisfy'd?

Lav. What would'st thou have?

Mar. Jun. Th' Exchange of Love for mine.

Lav. I gave thee mine before thou didst request it;
And yet I wish I could retrieve it back.

Mar. Jun. Why?

Lav. But to be frank, and give it thee again,
My Bounty is as boundless as the Sea,
My Love as deep: the more I give to thee,
The more I have: for both are infinite.
I hear a Noise within. Farewel, my *Marius*;
Or stay a little, and I'll come again.

Mar. Jun. Stay! sure for ever. [indeed.

Lav. Three Words, and, *Marius*, then Good-night
If that thy Love be honourably meant,
Thy purpose Marriage, send me Word to-morrow,
And all my Fortunes at thy Feet I'll lay.

Nurse

Nurse within.] Madam!

Lav. I come anon. But if thou mean'st not well,
I do beseech thee-----

Nurse within.] Madam! Madam!-----

Lav. By and by, I come.

To cease thy Suit, and leave me to my Grievs.

To morrow I will send-----

[Exit.

Mar. Jun. So thrive my Soul. Is not all this a Dream,
Too lovely, sweet and flattering to be true?

Re-enter Lavinia.

Lav. Hift, *Marius*, hift. Oh for a Falkner's Voice,
To lure this Tassel-gentle back again.

Restraint has Fears, and may not speak aloud:

Else would I tear the Cave where *Echo* lies,

With repetition of my *Marius*.-----

Mar. Jun. It is my Love that calls me back again.
How sweetly Lovers Voices sound by Night!
Like softest Musick to attending Ears.

Lav. Marius.

Mar. Jun. My Dear.

Lav. What a Clock to-morrow?

Mar. Jun. At the Hour of nine.

Lav. I will not fail: 'Tis twenty Years 'till then.
Why did I call thee back?

Mar. Jun. Let me here stay 'till thou remember'st why.

Lav. The Morning's breaking; I would have thee gone;
And yet no farther than a Wanton's Bird,
That lets it hop a little from his Hand,
To pull it by its Fetters back again.

Mar. Jun. Would I were thine.

Lav. Indeed and so would I:
Yet I should kill thee sure with too much cherishing.
No more---Good-night.

Mar. Jun. There's such sweet Pain in parting,
That I could hang for ever on thy Arms,
And look away my Life into thy Eyes.

Lav. To morrow will come.

Mar. Jun. So it will. Good-night.
Heav'n be thy Guard; and all its Blessings wait thee-----

[Ex. Lavinia.

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To-morrow! 'tis no longer: But Desires
Are swift, and longing Love wou'd lavish Time.
To morrow! Oh to-morrow; 'till that come,
The tedious Hours move heavily away,
And each long Minute seems a lazy Day.
Already Light is mounted in the Air,
Striking itself thro' every Element,
Our Party will by this time be abroad,
To try the Fate of *Marius* and *Rome*.
Love and Renown sure court me thus together.
Smille, smile, ye Gods, and give Success to both. [Exit.

S C E N E II. *the Forum.*

Enter four Citizens.

3 *Cit.* Well, Neighbours, now we are here, what must we do?

1 *Cit.* Why, you must give your Vote for *Caius Marius* to be Consul: And if any Body speaks against you, knock 'em down.

2 *Cit.* The Truth on't is, there's nothing like a civil Government, where good Subjects may have leave to knock Brains out to maintain Privileges.

3 *Cit.* Look you---but what's this *Sylla*? this *Sylla*? I've heard great Talk of him.----He's a damnable fighting Fellow they say; but hang him---- he's a Lord.

1 *Cit.* Ay, so he is, Neighbours: And I know not why any one should be a Lord more than another. I care not for a Lord: what good do they do? nothing but run in our Debts, and lie with our Wives----

4 *Cit.* Why, there's a Grievance now. I have three Boys at Home, no more mine than *Rome's* mine. They are all fair curl'd-hair *Cupids*; and I'm an honest, black, tauny, Kettle-fac'd Fellow. ---- I'll ha' no Lords. ----

[Drums and Trumpets.

1 *Cit.* Hark! hark! Drums and Trumpets! Drums and Trumpets! they are coming. Be you sure you roar out for a *Marius*: and do as much Mischief as you can.----

Enter Marius Senior and his Sons; Marius borne upon the Shoulders of two Roman Slaves; Sulpitius at the head of the Guards.

[Trumpets.

Sulp.

Sulp. Hearken, ye Men of Rome; I, I *Sulpitius*,
Your Tribune and Protector of your Freedom,
By Virtue of that Office here have call'd you
To chuse a Consul. *Mithridates* King of *Pontus* has begun
a War upon us,

Invaded our Allies, our Edicts violated,
And threatens *Rome* it self. Whom will you chuse
To lead you forth in this most glorious War?

Marius, or *Sylla*?

All Cit. A *Marius*! a *Marius*! a *Marius*!

Mar. Sen. Country-men,

And Fellow-Citizens, my Brethren all,
Or, if it may be thought a dearer Name,
My Sons, my Children, Glory of my Age;
I come not hither arm'd to force your Suffrage,
As *Sylla* does to enter *Rome* with Power,
As if he meant a Triumph o'er his Country;
I have not made a Party in the Senate,
To bring you into Slavery, or load
Your Necks with the hard Yoke of Lordly Pow'r.
I am no Noble, but a Free-born Man,
A Citizen of *Rome*, as all you are,
A Lover of your Liberties, and Laws,
Your Rights and Privileges. Witness here
These Wounds, which in your Service I have got,
And best plead for me----

All Cit. *Marius*! *Marius*! *Marius*! No *Sylla*! no
Sylla! no *Sylla*!

Sulp. No more remains,-----

Most honourable Consul, but that streight you mount
The Seat Tribunal----- Lictors, bring your Rods,
Axes and Fasces, and present 'em here.
Hail *Caius Marius*, Consul of the War.

Trumpet. Enter *Merellus*, *Cinna*, *Antonius*, *Quintus*
Pompeius, his Son, &c. *Guards*.

Met. See, *Romans*, there the Ruin of your Freedom,
The blazing Meteor that bodes ill to *Rome*,
Oppression, Tyranny, Avarice and Pride,
All centre in that melancholick Brow.
If you are mad for Slavery, long to try

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The weight of abs'lute Chains, once more proclaim him,
And shout so loud 'till *Mithridates* hear,
And laugh to think your Throats fit for his Sword.
Take me, take all your Senators, and drag
Us headlong to the *Tyber*,----- plunge us in,
And bid adieu to Liberty for ever-----
Then turn, and fall before your new-made God;
Bring your Estates, your Children and your Wives,
And lay 'em at thee feet of his Ambition.
This you must do, and well it will become
Such Slaves, who sell their Charters for a Holy-day.

Cit. No *Marius*! no *Marius*!

Met. Quintus Pompeius, in the Senate's Name,
As Consul, we command thee to demand
Justice of *Marius*, and proclaim him Traitor.

Q. Pomp. Descend then, *Marius*, Traitor to the State
And Liberty of *Rome*, and hear thy Sentence.

Mar. Sen. Now, by the Gods, this Cause is worthy of me,
Worthy my Fate.

Is this the Right and Liberty of *Rome*,
To pull its lawful Consul from his Seat
Unjudg'd, and brand him with the Mark of Traitor?
Draw all your Swords, all you that are my Friends,
Sulpitius, damn the Rabble, let 'em fall
Like common Dross, with that well-spoken Fool,
That popular Clack; or let us sell our Fates
So dear, that *Rome* may sicken with our Fall.

All. Cit. No *Marius*! no *Marius*! Down with him,
down with him,-----

Sul. Ha! What art thou?

Y. Pom. The Consul's Son.

Sulp. A Worm;
A thin Skin full of Dirt; and thus I tread thee
Into thy Mother Earth----- [Kills him.]

Mar. Sen. Drag hence that Traitor,
And bring me straight his Head upon thy Dart,
The Fate of *Rome*'s begun.

Q. Pomp. Our Children murder'd,
Thus massacred before our Eyes: Come all
That love *Pompeius*, and revenge his Loss,

Sulp. Fall on.

All

All Cit. No *Marius*! no *Marius*! Liberty! Liberty! &c.

[*They fight, Marius Conquers.*

Mar. Sen. Thanks for this good Beginning, Gods. These Slaves,

These wide-mouth'd Brutes, that hallow thus for Freedom,
Oh! how they ran before the Hand of Pow'r,
Flying for shelter into every Brake!

Like cow'rdly fearful Sheep they break their Herd,
When the Wolf's out, and ranging for his Prey.

Sulpitius, thy Guards did noble Service.

Sulp. Oh! they are Fellows fit for you and I,
Fit for the work of Power: say the word,
Not one amongst 'em all but what shall run,
Take an old grumbling Senator by th' Beard,
And shake his Head off from his shrinking Shoulders.

Mar. Sen. *Sylla*, I hear, is at the Gates of *Rome*.
Proclaim straight Liberty to every Slave
That will but own the Cause of *Caius Marius*.
Horror, Confusion, and inverted Order,
Vast Desolation, Slaughter, Death and Ruin
Must have their courses, ere this Ferment settle.

' Thus the Great *Jove* above, who rules alone,
' When Men forget his God-like Pow'r to own,
' Uses no common Means, no common Ways,
' But sends forth Thunder, and the World obeys.

[*Exeunt.*

ACT III. SCENE I.

Enter Sulpitius, Granius, and all the Guards.

Sulp. **R**OME never saw a Morning sure like this:
Now she begins to know the Rod of Pow'r;
Her wanton Blood can smart.

Were I the Consul, not a Head in *Rome*,
That had but Thoughts of *Sylla*, thou'd stand safe.

Gran. Slaughter thou'd have continu'd with the Day.
Mercy but gives Sedition time to rally.
Every soft, pliant, talking, busie Rogue,

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Gathering

Gathering a Flock of hot-brain'd Fools together,
Can preach up new Rebellion. 'Till the Heads
Of all those heav'nly-inspir'd Knaves be crush'd,
No Power can be safe-----

Sulp. Much will this Day
Determine; *Sylla's* now before the Walls,
And all his Forces ready for Command.
For thousand Slaves have taken hold on Freedom,
And come on Proclamation to our side.

Gran. Where should my Brother be? He came not home
To-night.

Sulp. Think of him as a Wretch that's dead,
Stabb'd with an Eye, run thro' the Brains with Love.

Gran. He talk'd of sending *Sylla* a Defiance.

Sulp. Writ with a Pen made of a *Cupid's* Quill.

Gran. Why, what is *Sylla*?

Sulp. A most courageous Captain at a Congee;
He fights by Measure, as your Artists sing,
Keeps Distance, Time, Proportion, rests his Rests,
One, two, and the third in your Guts.
Oh! he's the very Butcher of a Button.

Gran. Would I cou'd see my Brother. That damn'd Love
Of Women ruins noblest Purposes.

Sulp. That Sex was first in Mockery of us made.
They are the false deceitful Glasses, where
We gaze and dress our selves to all the Shapes
Of Folly. What is't Woman cannot do?
She'll make a Statesman quite forget his Cunning,
And trust his dearest Secrets to her Breast,
Where Fops have daily Entrance: Make a Priest,
Forgetting the Hypocritise of's Office,
Dance and show Tricks, to prove his strength and brawn:
Make a Projector quibble, an old Judge
Put on false Hair, and paint: And after all,
Though she be known the lewdest of her Sex,
She'll make some Fool or other think she's honest.
Your Father promis'd me to meet me here.
I wonder he delays so long.

Gran. He comes;
And with him too my Brother.

Sulp.

Sulp. See your General.

Salute him all my Fellow-Soldiers.

[*Shout.*

Enter Marius Senior, and Marius Junior.

Mar. Sen. This,

Sulpitius, looks like Power. *Granius*, here
Receive thy Brother to thy Arms, and blefs him:
H'as done a thing most worthy of our Name,
Sent a Defiance into *Sylla's* Camp,
Challenging forth the stoutest Champion there,
In Vindication of his Father's Cause,
And not an Out-law there dare send his Answer.
Once more, *Sulpitius*, are the People ours,
Enrag'd with *Sylla's* coming arm'd, to force
The City: At the *Celimumtane* Gate
He's posted now; let's send him strait Commands
I'th' Name o' th' Senate and the *Roman* People,
T' advance no farther, 'till the State of *Rome*
Be heard in publick, and my Choice confirm'd,
Or he continu'd Consul-----

Sulp. That would be

But to prolong Necessity; for *Rome*
Must bleed: And since the Rabble now is ours,
Keep the Fools hot, preach Dangers in their Ears,
Spread false Reports o'th' Senate, working up
Their Madness to a Fury quick and desp'rate,
'Till they run headlong into civil Discords,
And do our Business with their own Destruction.

Granius, go thou,

Send Word to *Sylla* that he lay down Arms,
And render up himself to *Rome*.

Mar. Jun. There's still

A dangerous Wheel at Work, a thoughtful Villain,
Cinna, who's rais'd his Fortune by the Jars
And Discords of his Country: like a Fly
O'er Flesh, he buzzes about itching Ears,
'Till he has vented his Infection there,
To fester into Rancour and Sedition.
Would he were safe.

Mar. Sen. And safe he shall be: let him be proscrib'd,
The Fine upon his Head its Weight in Gold.

Wou'd I cou'd buy *Metellus's* as cheap.
 I have a tender Foolishness within me
 May sometimes get the better of my Rage.
Sulpitius, therefore keep me warm, still ply
 My ebbing Fury with the thought of *Sylla*,
 Th' ungrateful Senate, and *Metellus's* Pride;
 And let not any thing may make me dreadful
 Be left undone. Now to our Troops let's hasten,
 And wait for *Sylla's* Answer at our Arms.

[*Ex. Mar. Sen. and Granius.*

Sulp. Is not this better now than whining Love?
 Now thou again art *Marius*, Son of Arms,
 Thy Father's Honour, and thy Friends Delight.

Enter Nurse and Clodius.

Mar. Jun. Sulpitius, what comes here? a Sail, *Sulpitius*.

Sulp. A tatter'd one, and weather-beaten much.
 Many a boist'rous Storm has she been toss'd in,
 And many a Pilot kept her to the Wind.

Nurse. Clodius.

Clod. Madam.

Sulp. Madam!

Nurse. My Fan, *Clodius*.

Sulp. Ay; good *Clodius*, to hide her Face.

Nurse. Good-morrow, Gentlemen.

Sulp. Good-even, fair Gentlewoman.

Nurse. Fair Gentlewoman! Really 'tis very hot.

Sulp. It should be so by your Ladyship's parch'd Face.

Nurse. Marry come up, my Gossip: Whose Man are you?

Sulp. A Woman's Man, my *Sybil*: wouldst thou try
 My Strength in Feats of amorous Engagement,
 Lead me among the Beauteous, where they run
 Wild in their Youth, and wanton to their wildness,
 Where I may chuse the foremost of the Herd,
 And bear her trembling to some Bank, bedeck'd
 With sweetest Flowers, such as Joy would chuse
 To dwell in; throw my inspir'd Arms about her,
 And press her 'till she thought her self more bless'd
 Than *Io* painting with the Joys of *Jove*.

Nurse. Panting? Joys? and *Jove*? Now by my troth
 'tis very pretty. But, Gentlemen, can any of you tell
 where I may find young *Marius*? *Mar.*

Mar. Jun. Yes, I can tell you, Madam. I am he.

Sulp. Hah! by this Light, a Bawd. So ho!

Come let's away. I hate a Morning Bawd,

That stinks of last Night's Office----- [*Exit Sulp.*]

Nurse. Pray, Sir, what sawcy Fellow's he that's gone?

Mar. Jun. A Gentleman, Nurse, that loves to hear himself talk; and will speak more in a Minute than he'll stand to in a Month.

Nurse. An he speak any thing against me, I'll take him down an he were lustier than he is, and twenty such Jacks, or I'll find those that shall. But now, Sir, I wish you much Joy--- I hear you are----

Mar. Jun. Marry'd; this Day the blessed deed was done, When the unhappy Discords first took flame Betwixt my Father and the Senate; then A holy Priest of Hymen, whom with Gold I brib'd to yield us privately his Office, Join'd our kind Hands, and now she's ever mine.

Nurse. Well: 'fore God, I am so vex'd, that every part about me quivers. But pray, Sir, a word: and as I told you, my young Lady bade me find you out. What she bade me say, I'll keep to my self. But first let me tell you, if you have led her into a Fool's Paradise, as they say; For the Gentlewoman is young, and therefore if you should deal doubly with her, though you don't look like a Gentleman that wou'd use double-dealing with a Lady.-----

Mar. Jun. Commend me to thy Lady. I protest-----

Nurse. Good Heart, and i'faith, I will tell as much. Lord! Lord! she will be a joyful Woman.

Mar. Jun. Bid her devise this Evening to receive Me at her Window: Here is for thy pains----

[*Gives Money.*]

Nurse. No truly, Sir; not a Drachma.

Mar. Jun. Away; I say you shall.

Nurse. This Evening, say you? well, she shall be there.

Mar. Jun. And stay, kind Nurse, behind the Garden-wall. Within this Hour my Man shall meet thee there. And bring thee Cords made like a Tackling-Ladder, Which to the blessed Mansion of my Joy

Must

Must be my Conduct in the secret Night.
Farewel--- be true, and I'll reward thy pains.

Nurse. Now Heav'ns bless thee---Hark you, Sir.

Mar. Jun. What say'st thou, Nurse?

Nurse. Nothing, but that my Mistress is the sweetest Lady. Lord! Lord! when't was a little prating thing---- Oh!--- there's a Spark, one *Sylla*, that would fain have a finger in the Pye---but she, good Soul, had as lieve hear of a Toad, a very Toad, as hear of him. I anger her sometimes, and tell her *Sylla* is the proper Man----- But I'll warrant you, when I say so, she looks as pale as any Clout in the versal World. Well, you'll be sure to come-----

Mar. Jun. As sure as Truth.

Nurse. Well, when it was a little thing; and us'd to lie with me, it would so kick, so sprawl, and so play----- and then I would tickle it, and then it would laugh, and then it would play again. When it had tickling and playing enough it would go to sleep as gentle as a Lamb. I shall never forget it---Then you'll be sure to come.-----

Mar. Jun. Can I forget to live?

Nurse. Nay, but swear though.

Mar. Jun. By this Kiss, which thou shalt carry to *Lavinia*.

Nurse. Oh! dear Sir, by no means. Indeed you shall not. I have been drinking *Aqua Vite*. Oh! those Eyes of yours!

Mar. Jun. 'Till Night farewel.-----

Nurse. 'Till Night; I'll say no more, but da, da, Come;
Clodius. Ah! those Eyes! [*Ex. Nurse and Clodius.*]

Mar. Jun. What pains she takes with her officious Folly?
How happy is the Evening-tide of Life,
When Phlegm has quench'd our Passions, trifling out
The feeble Remnant of our silly Days
In Follies, such as Dorage best is pleas'd with,
Free from the wounding and tormenting Cares
That toss the thoughtful, active, busie Mind?
Though this Day be the dearest of my Life;
There's something hangs most heavy on my Heart,
And my Brain's sick with Dulness.

Enter Marius Senior.

Mar. Sen. Where's this Loyterer,

This

This most inglorious Son of *Caius Marius*?
With folded Arms and down-cast Eyes he stands,
The Marks and Emblem of a Woman's Fool.

Mar. Jun. My Father.

Mar. Sen. Call me by some other Name;
Disgrace me not: I'm *Marius*;
And surely *Marius* has small Right in thee.
Would *Sylla's* Soul were thine, and thine were his,
That he, as as thou hast done, now Glory calls,
Might run for shelter to a Woman's Arms,
And hide him in her Bosom like a Babe.

Mar. Jun. Then I'm a Coward?

Mar. Sen. Art thou not?

Mar. Jun. I am,
That thus can bear Reproaches, and yet live.
Durst any Man but you have call'd me so?
Oh let me fall, embrace and kiss your Feet.
Y'ave rais'd a Spirit in me prompts my Heart
To such a Work as Fame ne'er talk'd of yet.
How'll you dispose *Lavinia*?

Mar. Sen. Let her fall,
As I would all her Family and Name,
Forgotten that they either ever gave
Thy Father's Head Dishonour, or thee Pain.

Mar. Jun. 'Twas an unlucky Sentence. She's scarce more
Metellus, Daughter now than yours, our Hands
Were by a Priest this Morning join'd. May Heav'n
Avert th' ill Omen, and preserve my Father.

Mar. Sen. Marry'd! say ruin'd, lost and curst.

Mar. Jun. You've torn
The Secret from me, and I wait your Doom.----

Mar. Sen. Go where I never more may hear thee nam'd;
Go farthest from me; get thee to *Metellus*,
Fall on thy Knees, and henceforth call him Parent.
I've yet one Son, that surely won't forsake me:
Else in this Breast I shall have glorious Thoughts,
That will at least give Lustre to my Ruin.
Farewel, my once best Hopes, now greatest Shame.

Mar. Jun. Condemn me rather to the worst of Deaths,
Or send me chain'd to *Sylla* like a Slave.

Than

Than banish me the Blessing of your Presence,
 I've thought, and bounded all my Wishes so,
 To die for you is Happiness enough?
 'Twould be too much t'enjoy *Lavinia* too.

Mar. Sen. Again *Lavinia*?

Mar. Jun. Yes, this Coward Slave,
 This most inglorious Son of *Caius Marius*,
 Though wedded to the brightest Beauty, rais'd
 To th' highest expectation of Delight,
 Ev'n in this Minute, when Love prompts his Heart,
 And tells what mighty Pleasures are preparing
 Is Master of a Mind unfetter'd yet.

Mar. Sen. What can'st thou do?

Mar. Jun. This Night I should have gone,
 And ta'en possession of *Lavinia's* Bed.
 But by the Gods, these Eyes no more shall see her,
 'Till I've done something that's above Reward,
 And you your self present her to my Arms.

Mar. Sen. Why dost thou talk thus to me?

Mar. Jun. Hark!

[*Trumpets.*

The Trumpets sound, and business is at hand.
 It seems as if our Guards upon the Walls
 Were just engag'd, and *Sylla* come upon 'em.
 The Gods have done me Justice.

Mar. Sen. Get thee gone,
 And leave me to my Fate,
 Tho' maim'd and wounded, and unfit for War,

Mar. Jun. I'll follow you----

Mar. Sen. Thou shalt not.

Mar. Jun. By the Gods I will.

Mar. Sen. How! disobey'd then?

Mar. Jun. Bid a Courser spurr'd
 Stop in his full Career; bid Tides run back,
 Or sailing Ships stand still before the Wind,
 Or Winds themselves not blow when *Jove* provokes 'em.

Mar. Sen. Away, and do not tempt my Fury farther.

Mar. Jun. Why? would you kill me?

Mar. Sen. No, no: I hope thou art reserv'd yet for
 A better Fate.

Mar. Jun. Thanks, Heav'n.

These

These few kind Words shew I'm not quite unhappy.

Mar. Sen. Then do not contradict my Will in this;
But part, and when our Hands next meet again,
Be't in the Heart of *Sylla* or *Metellus*-----

[*Exit.*

[*Trumpets again.*

Mar. Jun. Sound higher, ye shrill Instruments of War,
And urge its Horrors up, till they become,
If possible, as terrible as mine.

Oh my *Lavinia*! though this Night I fall,
At my return I shall be doubly happy.
Such Tryals the great ancient Heroes past,
Who little present Happiness could taste,
Yet did great Actions, and were Gods at last. [*Exit.*

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SCENE II. *Metellus's House.*

Enter Lavinia.

Lav. Gallop a-pace, ye fiery-footed Steeds,
Tow'rs *Phæbus*' Lodging. Such a Charioteer
As *Phaeton* would lash you to the West,
And bring in cloudy Night immediately.
Spread thy close Curtains, Love-performing Night,
Thou sober-suited Matron all in Black;
That jealous Eyes may wink, and *Marius*
Leap to these Arms untalkt of and unseen.
Oh! give me *Marius*; and when he shall die,
Take him and cut him out in little Stars;
And he will make the Face of Heaven so fine,
That all the World shall grow in love with Night,
And pay no Worship to the gaudy Sun.
Oh! I have bought the Mansion of a Love,
But not possesst it----- Tedious is this Day,
As is the Night before some Festival
To an impatient Child that has new Robes,

Enter Nurse and Clodius.

And may not wear 'em. Welcome, Nurse: what News
How fares the Lord of all my Joys, my *Marius*?

Nurse. Oh! a Chair! a Chair! no Questions, but a
Chair! So.

Lav. Nay, pr'ythee Nurse why dost thou look so sad?

Oh!

Oh! do not spoil the Musick of good Tidings
With such a Melancholick wretched Face.

Nurse. Oh! I am weary, very weary. *Clodius*, my Cordial Bottle. Fie! how my Bones ake! what a Jaunt have I had?

Lav. Do not delay me thus, but quickly tell me.
Will *Marius* come To-night? Speak, will he come?

Nurse. Alas! alas! what haste? oh! cannot you stay a little? oh! do not you see that I'm out of Breath? oh! this Phthisick! *Clodius*, the Cordial.

Lav. Th' Excuse thou mak'st for this unkind delay
Is longer than the Tale thou hast to tell.
Is thy News good or bad? answer to that.
Say either, and I'll stay the Circumstance.

Nurse. Well, you have made a simple Choice: you know not how to chuse a Man. Yet his Leg excels all Mens. And for a Hand and a Foot and a Shape, though they are not to be talk'd of-- yet they are past compare. What, have you din'd within?

Lav. No, no: what foolish Questions dost thou ask?
What says he of his coming? what of that?

Nurse. Oh! how my Head akes! what a Head have I!
It beats as it would fall in twenty pieces.
My Back o' t'other side! ah! my Back! my Back!
Bestrew your Heart for sending me about
To catch my Death. This Back of mine will break.

[*Drinks.*]

Lav. Indeed I'm sorry if thou art not well.
But pr'ythee tell me, *Nurse*, what says my Love?

Nurse. Why, your Love says like an honest Gentleman, and a kind Gentleman, and a handsome--- and I'll warrant a virtuous Gentleman. [*Drinks.*] Well-- what? Where's your Father?

Lav. Where's my Father? why, he's at the Senate.
How oddly thou reply'st!
Your Love says like an honest Gentleman,
Where's your Father?

Nurse. Oh good Lady dear!
Are you so hot? marry come up, I trow.
Is this is a Poultice for my aking Bones?
Henceforward do your Messages your self.

Lav.

Lav. Nay, pr'ythee be not angry. Nurse, I meant No ill. Speak kindly, will my *Marius* come?

Nurse. Will he? will a Duck swim?

Lav. Then he will come.

Nurse. Come? why, he will come upon all four, but he'll come. Go get you in, and say your Prayers: Go.

Lav. For Blessings on my *Marius* and thee.

Nurse. Well, it would be a sad thing, though---

Lav. What?

Nurse. If *Marius* should not come now--for there's old Doings at the Gates, they are at it ding dong. Tantarara go the Trumpets; Shout, cry the Soldiers; clatter, go the Swords. I'll warrant--- I made no small haste---

Lav. And is my *Marius* there? alas my Fears!

[*Trumpets.*

The Noise comes this way. Guard my Love, ye Gods, Or strike me with your Thunder when he falls. [*Exeunt.*

SCENE III. *The Forum.*

Enter Marius Senior, Marius Junior, Granius, Sulpitius Catulus, &c. Guards, Lictors, on one side: Metellus, Sylla, Quintus Pompeius, Guards, on the other.

[*Trumpets sound a March.*

Met. Oh thou God,
Deliverer of *Rome*, most blest of Men!
See here the Fathers of thy bleeding Country
Prostrate for Refuge at thy Feet: See there
The Terror of our Freedom, and thy Foe,
The Persecutor of thy Friends, the Scourge
Of Truth and Justice, and the Plague of *Rome*.

Mar. Sen. What art thou that can't lend thy slavish Ears
To flattering Hypocrisie?

Sylla. My Name thou hast heard,
And fled from. I am the Friend of *Rome*,
The Terror and the Bane of thee her Foe. [thus arm'd,

Mar. Sen. If thou'rt her Friend, why com'st thou here
Slaughtering her Citizens, and laying waste her Walls?

Sylla. To free her from a Tyrant's Power.

Mar. Sen. Who is that Tyrant?

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Sylla.

Sylla. Thou, who hast oppress'd
Her Senate, made thy self by force a Consul,
Set free her Slaves, and arm'd 'em 'gainst her Laws.

Mar. Sen. Hear this, ye *Romans*; and then judge my
Have I oppress'd you? have I forc'd your Laws? (Wrongs.
Am I a Tyrant? I, whom ye have rais'd,
For my true Services, to what I am?
Remember th' *Ambrons*, *Cimbri*, and the *Teutons*;
Remember the Confederate War.

Sylla. Where thou,
Cold and delaying, wer't by *Silo* brav'd,
Scorn'd by thy Soldiers, and at last compell'd
Ingloriously to quit th' unwieldy Charge.
Remember too who banish'd good *Metellus*,
The Friend and Parent of thy obscure Family,
That rais'd thee from a Peasant to a Lord.

Mar. Sen. Basely thou wrong'st the Truth. My Actions
rais'd me.

Had'st thou been born a Peasant, still thou'dst been so:
But I by Service to my Country've made
My Name renown'd in Peace, and fear'd in War.

Sylla. In the *Jugurthine* War, whose King was taken
Pris'ner by me, and *Marius* triumph'd for't.

Mar. Sen. Thou stol'st him basely, stol'st him at the price
Of his Wife's Lust: Thou barter'dst his Betraying,
And in the Capitol hast Pageants set
In memory of thy Vanity and Shame.

Sylla. Thy Shame.

Mar. Sen. My Honour, proud presumptuous Boy,
Who would'st be gaudy in an unfit Dress,
And wear my cast-off Glories after me.

Sylla. I'd rather wear some Beggar's rotten Rags,
By him left dangling on a High-way Hedge,
Than soil my Laurels with a Leaf of thine,
Thou scorn'd Plebeian.

Mar. Sen. Worst Perdition catch thee.

Sylla. Disband that rout of Rebels at thy Heels,
And yield thy self to Justice and the Senate.

Mar. Sen. Justice from thee demanded on my Head?
First clear thy self, quit thy usurp'd Command:

Approach

Approach and kneel to me, whom thou hast wrong'd.

Sylla. Upon thy Neck I would.

Mar. Sen. As soon thou'dst take
A Lion by the Beard: Thou dar'st not think on't.

Sylla. I dare, and more.

Mar. Sen. Then Gods, I take your Word;
If there be truth in you, I shall not fall
This Day. My Friends and Fellow-Soldiers now,
Fight as I've seen you: For the Life of *Sylla*,
Leave it to me; for much Revenge must go
Along with Death, when such a Victim bleeds.

Sylla. My Lords withdraw.

Met. No, trust the Gods; I'll see
My Country's Fate, and with her live or die.

Mar. Sen. Now, *Sylla*.

Sylla. Now, my Veterans, consider
You fight for Laws, for Liberty, and Life.

Mar. Sen. Rebellion never wanted that Pretence.
Thou Shadow of what I have been, thou Puppet
Of that great State and Honours I have borne.
If thou'lt do something worthy of thy Place,
Let's join our Battel with a Force may glut
The Throat of Death, and choak him with himself;
As fiercely as destroying Whirlwinds rise,
Or as Clouds dash when Thunder shakes the Skies.

[*Trumpets sound a Charge: they fight.*]

Re-enter Marius Senior, taken by Sylla's Party.

Mar. Sen. Forsaken, and a Prisoner? Is this all
That's left of *Marius*? The old naked Trunk
Of that tall Pine that was? Away, ye Shrubs,
Ye clinging Brambles; do not clog me thus,
But let me run into the Jaws of Death,
And finish my ill Fate. Or must I be
Preserv'd a publick Spectacle, expos'd
To Scorn, and make a Holiday for Slaves?
Oh! that Thought's Hell. Sure I should know thy Face.
Thou hast borne Office under me. If e'er
In my best Fortune I deserv'd thy Friendship,
Give me a *Roman's* Death, and set me free,
That no Dishonour in my Age o'ertake me.

Off. I've serv'd and lov'd you well: Nor would I see
Your Fall. — My Orders were, to save your Life.

Mar. Sen. Thou'rt a Time-server, that canst flatter Misery.

Enter Marius Junior, Granius and Sulpitius, Prisoners.
My Sons in Bonds too, and *Sulpitius*?

Sulp. Yes, the Rat-catchers have trapp'd me. Now must I
Be Food for Crows, and stink upon a Tree,
Whilst Coxcombs stroul abroad on Holy-days
To take the Air, and see me rot. A pox
On Fortune, and a pox on that first Fool
That taught the World Ambition.

Enter Quintus Pompeius, four Lictors before him.

Q. Pomp. Draw near,

Ye Men of *Rome*, and hear the Law pronounc'd.
Thou *Marius* whose Ambition, and whose Pride
Have cost so many Lives, the first that e'er
Wag'd civil Wars in *Rome*, thee and thy Sons,
Thy Family and Kin, with that vile Slave
And Minister of all thy Outrages,
The curs'd *Sulpitius*, Banishment's your Lot;
After to-morrow's Dawn if found i'th' City,
Death be your Doom: So hath the Senate said.
So flourish Peace and Liberty in *Rome*.

[*Ex. Q. Pompeius, Lictors crying Liberty.*]

Mar. Sen. I thank ye Gods, upon my Knees I thank ye,
For plaguing me above all other Men.

Come, ye young Heroes, kneel, and praise the Heav'ns,
For crowning thus your youthful Hopes. Ha, ha, ha!
What pleasant Game had Fortune play'd to-day?

Oh! I could burst with Laughter. Why, now *Rome's*
At Peace. But may it be as short and vain

As Joys but dreamt of, or as sick Mens Slumbers.
Now let's take Hands, and bending to the Earth,
To all th'infernal Powers let us swear.

All. We swear.

Mar. Sen. That's well: By all the Destinies,
By all the Furies, and the Fiends that wait
About the Throne of Hell, and by Hell's King,
We'll bring Destruction to this cursed City;
Let not one Stone of all her Towers stand safe.

Mar.

Mar. Jun. Let not her Temples nor her Gods escape.

Gra. Let Husbands in their Wives Embraces perish.

Mar. Sen. Her young Men massacred.

Sulp. Her Virgins ravish'd.

Mar. Jun. And let her Lovers all my Torments feel,
Doating like me, and like me banished.

Thus let 'em curse, thus raving tear their Hair,

And fall upon the Ground as I do now.

Mar. Sen. Rise then, and to *Lavinia* go. This Night's
Thy own.

Mar. Jun. And ever after Pain and Sorrow.

But go thou, find *Lavinia's* Woman out—[*To his Servant*

Tell her I'll come, and bid her chear my Love,

For I'll not fail, but in this Night enjoy

Whole Life, and forgive Nature what's to come.

Mar. Sen. Thus then let's part; each take his several way,
As to a Task of Darknes: When we meet

In hated Exile, we'll compute Aceompts,

And see what Mischief each has gathered then.

For, *Rome*, I shall be yet once more thy Lord.

If Oracles have truth, and Augurs lye not.

For yet a Child, and in my Father's Fields

Playing, I seven young Eagles chanc'd to find;

Which gathering up I to my Parents bore.

The Gods were sought, who promis'd me from thence.

As many times the Consulate in *Rome*.

Six times already I've that Office bore,

And so far has the Prophecy prov'd true.

But if I've manag'd ill the time that's past,

And too remis six elder Fortunes lost,

The youngest Darling-Fate is yet to come,

And thou shalt feel me then, ungrateful *Rome*. *Exeunt.*

ACT IV. SCENE I.

SCENE *The Garden.*

Enter Lavinia and Marius Junior.

Lav. WILT thou be gone? It is not yet near Day.
It was the Nightingale, and not the Lark,
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That pierc'd the fearful hollow of thy Ear.
Nightly on yon Pomegranate-tree she sings.
Believe me, Love, it was the Nightingale.

Mar. Jun. Oh! 'twas the Lark, the Herald of the Morn.
No Nightingale. Look, Love, what envious Streaks
Of Light embroider all the cloudy East.
Night's Candles are burnt out, and jocund Day
Upon the Mountain-tops sits gaily drest,
Whilst all the Birds bring Musick to his Levee.
I must be gone and live, or stay and die----

Lav. Oh! oh! what wretched Fortune is my Lot!
Sure, giving thee, Heav'n grew too far in Debt
To pay, till Bankrupt-like it broke; whilst I,
A poor compounding Creditor, am forc'd
To take a Mite for endless Sums of Joy.

Mar. Jun. Let me be taken, let me suffer Death,
I am content, so thou wilt have it so----
By Heav'n, yon gray is not the Morning's Eye,
But the Reflection of pale *Cynthia's* Brightness;
Nor is't the Lark we hear, whose Notes do beat
So high, and eccho in the Vault of Heav'n.
I'm all Desire to stay, no Will to go.
How is't, my Soul? let's talk: It is not Day.

Lav. Oh! it is, it is-- Fly hence away, my *Marius*,
It is the Lark, and out of Tune she sings,
With grating Discords and unpleasing Strainings.
Some say the Lark and loathsome Toad change Eyes:
Now I could wish they had chang'd Voices too;
Or that a Lethargy had seiz'd the Morning,
And she had slept, and never wak'd again,
To part me from th' Embraces of my Love.
What shall become of me, when thou art gone?

Mar. Jun. The Gods that heard our Vows, and know our
Seeing my Faith, and thy unspotted Truth, [Loves,
Will sure take care, and let no Wrongs annoy thee.
Upon my Knees I'll ask 'em every Day,
How my *Lavinia* does: And every Night,
In the severe Distresses of my Fate,
As I perhaps shall wander through the Desert,
And want a Place to rest my weary Head on,

I'll count the Stars, and bless 'em as they shine,
And court them all for my *Lavinia's* safety.

Lav. Oh Banishment, eternal Banishment!
Ne'er to return! must we ne'er meet again?
My Heart will break, I cannot think that Thought,
And live. Could I but see to th'End of Woe,
There were some Comfort---but eternal Torment
Is ever insupportable to Thought.
It cannot be that we shall part for ever.

Mar. Jun. No, for my Banishment may be recall'd;
My Father once more hold a Pow'r in *Rome*:
Then shall I boldly claim *Lavinia* mine,
Whilst happiest Men shall envy at the Blessings,
And Poets write the Wonders of our Loves.

Lav. If by my Father's Cruelty I'm forc'd,
When left alone, to yield to *Sylla's* Claim,
Defenceless as I am, and thou far from me,
If, as I must, I rather die than suffer't,
What a sad Tale will that be when 'tis told thee?
I know not what to fear, or hope, or think,
Or say, or do. I cannot let thee go.

Mar. Jun. A thousand things would, to this purpose said,
But sharpen and add weight to Sorrow.

Oh my *Lavinia*! if my Heart e'er stray, [Kneels.
Or any other Beauty ever charm me,
If I live not entirely only thine,
In that curst Moment when my Soul forsakes thee,
May I be hither brought a Captive bound,
T'adorn the Triumph of my basest Foe.

Lav. And if I live not faithful to the Lord
Of my first Vows, my dearest only *Marcius*,
May I be brought to Poverty and Scorn,
Hooted by Slaves forth from thy Gates, O *Rome*,
'Till flying to the Woods t'avoid my Shame,
Sharp Hunger, Cold, or some worse Fare destroy me;
And not one Tree vouchsafe a Leaf to hide me.

Mar. Jun. What needs all this?-----

Lav. Oh! I could find out things
To talk to thee for ever.

Mar. Jun. Weep not; the time

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We had to stay together has been employ'd
In richest Love-----

Lav. We ought to summon all
The Spirit of soft Passion up, to cheer
Our Hearts thus lab'ring with the pangs of parting.
Oh my poor *Marius*!

Mar. Jun. Ah my kind *Lavinia*!

Lav. But dost thou think we e'er shall meet again?

Mar. Jun. I doubt it not; and all these Woes shall serve
For sweet Discourses in our time to come.

Lav. Alas! I have an ill-divining Soul;
Methinks I see thee, now thou'rt from my Arms,
Like a stark Ghost, with Horrour in thy Visage.
Either my Eye-sight fails, or thou look'st pale.

Mar. Jun. And trust me, Love, in my Eye so dost Thou.
Dry Sorrow drinks our Blood--- Farewel.

Lav. Farewel then.

[*Exit Mar. Jun.*

Nurse within.] Madam.

Lav. My Nurse.

Nurse within.] Your Father's up, and Day-light broke a-
Be wary, look about you----- [broad.

Lav. Hah! is he gone? my Lord, my Husband, Friend,
I must hear from thee every Hour i'th' Day:

For absent Minutes seem as many Days.

Oh! by this reck'ning I shall be most old,

Ere I again behold my *Marius*. Nay,

Gone too already! 'Twas unkindly done.

I had not yet imparted half my Soul,

Not a third part of its fond jealous Fears:

But I'll pursue him for't, and be reveng'd;

Hang such a tender Tale about his Heart,

Shall make it tingle as his Life were stung:

Nay too---I'll love him; never, never leave him;

Fond as a Child, and resolute as Man. [*Ex. Lavinia.*

Enter Metellus musing.

Met. Sylla this Morning parts from hence to *Capua*,
To head that Army. *Cinna* must be Consul----

Ay, *Cinna* must be. He's a busie Fellow,

Knows how to tell a Story to the Rabble,

Hates *Marius* too: that, that's the dearest point.

I hope

I hope the Snares for *Marius* laid may take him.
 A hundred Horse are in Pursuit to find him:
 And if they catch him, his Head's safe, that's certain.
Octavius will be the other--- be it so.
 An honest, simple, downright-dealing Lord:
 A little too religious, that's his Fault.

Enter a Servant.

What now?

serv. A Letter left you by a Liector,
 Who told us that it came from the Lord *Sylla*.

Metellus reads the Letter:

BLAME not, Sir, my parting
 So suddenly: just now I've had Advice
 Of some Disturbance in the Camp at Capua.
 Command my tender'st Faith to fair Lavinia.
 You're *Sylla's* Advocate with her and Rome.

Enter Nurse.

Well, Nurse.

Nurse. My Lord.

Met. How does my Daughter?

Nurse. Truly very ill:

She has not slept a wink:

Nothing but toss'd and tumbled all this Night;

I left her just now slumb'ring.

This Lord *Sylla* does so run in her Head.

Met. Oh! were he in her Heart, Nurse!

Nurse. Were he?

Why, she thinks of nothing else, talks of nothing else,
 dreams of nothing else. She would needs have me lie
 with her to'other Night. But about Midnight (I'll swear it
 wak'd me out of a sweet Nap) she takes me fast in her
 Arms, and cries, Oh my Lord *Sylla*; but are you, will
 you be true? Then sigh'd, and stretch'd--- I swear I
 was half afraid.

Met. She's strangely alter'd then.

This Morning two new Consuls must be chosen.

If they are true, those Tidings thou hast brought me,

Wait while she wakes, and tell her 'tis my Pleasure,

At

At my return from th' *Forum* that I see her-----

[*Exit Metellus.*

Nurse. So, so!— here will be sweet doings in time.
How many hundred Lies a-day must I tell, to keep this
Family at Peace?

Enter Lavinia.

Lav. Oh Nurse! Where art thou? Is my Father gone?

Nurse. Gone? Yes; and I would I were gone too.

Lav. Why dost thou sigh? What cause hast thou to wish
Wert thou distressed, unfortunate as I am, [so?
Thou hadst then cause.

What shall I do? Oh, how alone am I!

I walk methinks as half of me were lost:

Yet, like a maim'd Bird, flutter flutter on,
And fain wou'd find a Hole to hide my Head in.

Nurse. 'Odds my Boddikins! but why thus drest, Madam?
Why in this pickle, say you now?

Lav. Seem not to wonder, nor dare to oppose me,
For I am desperate, and resolv'd to Death.
In this unhappy, wayward, humble Dress,
After my Love a Pilgrimage I'll take,
Forake deserted *Rome*, and find my *Marius*.

Nurse. And I must stay behind to be hang'd up, like
an old Pole-Car in a Warren, for a warning to all Vermin
that shall come after me. Would I were fairly dead for
a Week, 'till this were over.

Lav. This Morning's Opportunity is fair,
When all are busie in electing Consuls;
I shall escape unseen without the Gates,
And this Night in a Litter reach *Salonium*.

Nurse. I dare not; I'll have nothing to do in't. You
shan't stir. Nay, I'll raise the House first. Why *Clodius*!
Catulus! *Sempronia*! *Thesbia*! Men and Maids, where
are you? Oh! oh! oh!-----

[*Lav. gets from her. Nurse falls down. Exit Lavinia.*

Enter Clodius.

Clod. What's the matter, Mistress?

Nurse. Oh *Clody*, *Clody*, dear *Clody*, is't thee, my dear
Clody? Help me, help me up. Run to my Lord to the
Forum presently; tell him his Treasury is robb'd, his House
a-fire,

a-fire, his Daughter dead, and I mad. Run, run. You'll not run. Oh! oh!

[*Exeunt.*]

SCENE changes to the Country.

Enter several Herdsmen belonging to Marius.

1 *Herd.* Good-morrow, Brother; you have heard the News.

2 *Herd.* News, quoth a? Trim News truly.

1 *Herd.* Why, they say our Lord and Master's stept a one side. Is there any thing in't I trow?

2 *Herd.* Any thing in't? alas-a day! alas-a-day! sad times! sad times, Brother! not a Penny of Money stirring.

1 *Herd.* Nay, I thought there was no good Weather towards, when my bald-fac'd Heifer stuck up her Tail Eastward, and ran back into a new Quick-set, which I had just made to keep the Swine from the Beans.

2 *Herd.* And the t'other Night, as I was at Supper, in the Chimney-corner, a whole Family of Swallows, that had occupy'd a Tenement these seven Years, fell down, Nest and all, into the Porridge-pot, and spoil'd the Broth. Sad times! sad times, Brother!

3 *Herd.* Did you meet no Troopers this way?

2 *Herd.* Troopers? I saw a Parcel of Raggooners, I think they call 'em, trotting along yon Wood side upon ragged Hidebound Jades. I warrant they came for no Goodness-----

1 *Herd.* 'Twas to seek for Lord *Marius*, as sure as Eggs be Eggs. These 'bitious Folk make more stir in the World than a thousand Men. Would my Kine were all in their Stalls.

Enter several Soldiers in quest of Marius.

1 *Sold.* This is the way. How now, you pack of Boobies? whose Fools are you?

2 *Herd.* Why, we are such Fools as you are; any body's Fools that will pay us our Wages.

2 *Sold.* Do you belong to the Traitor *Marius*?

1 *Herd.* We belong to *Caius Marius*, an't like your Worship.

1 *Sold.* Why, this is a civil Fellow. But you, Rogue, You are witty and be hang'd, are you?

2 *Herd.*

2 *Herd.* I's poor enough to be witty, as you're poor enough to be valiant. Had I but Money enough, I'd no more be a Wit than you'd be a Soldier.

2 *Sold.* Let the hungry Churl alone.

1 *Sold.* Hark you, you Dog: where's your Lord, the Traitor *Marius*?

2 *Herd.* In a whole Skin, if he be wise-----

2 *Sold.* Where is he, you Pultroon?

2 *Herd.* Look you, I keep his Cows and his Oxen here at *Salonium*, but I keep none of him. If you must needs know where he is, then I must needs tell you I don't know.

1 *Sold.* Let's to his House hard by, and ransack that. Sirrah, if we miss of him, you may repent this.

[*Ex. Soldiers.*]

1 *Herd.* 'Tis all one to me, I must pay my Rent to somebody.

2 *Herd.* Why, this 'tis now to be a great Man. Heav'n keep me a Cowkeeper still---I say---

Enter Marius Senior and Granus.

Mar. Sen. Where are we? are we yet not near *Salonium*?
Lead me to yonder shady Poplar, where
The poor old *Marius* a while may sit,
And joy in Rest. Oh my distemper'd Head!
The Sun has beat his Beams so hard upon me,
That my Brain's hot as molten Gold. My Skull!
Oh my tormented Skull! Oh *Rome! Rome! Rome!*
Ha! what are those?

Gran. They seem, Sir, Rural Swains,
Who tend the Herds that graze beneath these Woods.

Mar. Sen. Who are you? to what Lord do ye belong?

2 *Herd.* We did belong to *Caius Marius* once: but they say he's gone a Journey: and now we belong to one another.

Mar. Sen. Have ye forgot me then, ungrateful Slaves!
Are you so willing to disown your Master?
Who would have thought t'have found such Baseness here,
Where Innocence seems seated by the Gods,
As in her Virgin-nakedness untainted?
Confusion on ye, ye fordid Earthlings. [*Ex. all but one.*]

2 *Herd.* Oh fly, my Lord, your Foes are thick abroad.
Just

Just now a Troop of Murtherers past this way,
And ask'd with Horror for the Traitor *Marius*.
By this time at *Salonium*, at your House,
They are in Search of you. Fly, fly, my Lord---- *Exit*.

Mar. Sen. I shall be hounded up and down the World,
Now every Villain, that is Wretch enough
To take the Price of Blood, dreams of my Throat,
Help and support me 'till I reach the Wood,
Then go and find thy wretched Brother out.
Afunder we may dodge our Fate, and lose her.
In some old hollow Tree or o'er grown Brake,
I'd rest my weary Limbs 'till Danger pass me.

[*Goes into the Wood.*]

Enter Soldiers again.

1 *Sold.* A thousand Crowns? 'tis a Reward might buy
As many Lives, for they are cheap in *Rome*,
And 'tis too much for one.

2 *Sold.* Let's set this Wood
A flaming, if you think he's here, and then
Quickly you'll see th' old Drone' crawl humming out.

1 *Sold.* Thou always lov'st to ride full Speed to Mischief.
There's no Consideration in thee. Look you when I cut
a Throat, I love to do it with as much Deliberation and
Decency as a Barber cuts a Beard. I hate a slovenly Mur-
ther done hand over head: a Man gets no Credit by it.

3 *Sold.* The Man that spoke last, spoke well. There-
fore let us to yon adjacent Village, and sowe our selves in
good *Falernium*----

[*Ex. Soldiers.*]

Mar. Sen. Oh Villains! not a Slave of those
But has serv'd under me, has eat my Bread,
And felt my Bounty---Drought! parching Drought!
Was ever Lion thus by Dogs emboss'd?
Oh! I could swallow Rivers. Earth, yield me Water!
Or swallow *Marius* down down where Springs first flow.

Enter Marius Junior, and Granius.

Mar. Jun. My Father!

Mar. Sen. Oh my Sons!

Mar. Jun. Why thus forlorn! stretch'd on the Earth?

Mar. Sen. Oh! get me some Refreshment, cooling Herbs,
And Water to allay my ravenous Thirst.

I would not trouble you, if I had Strength:

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But I'm so faint that all my Limbs are useless.
Now have I not one *Drachma* to buy Food.
Must we then starve? No sure the Birds will feed us.

Mar. Jun. There stands a House on yonder Side o'th'
It seems the Mansion of some Man of Note: (Wood,
I'll go and turn a Beggar for my Father.

Mar. Sen. O my Soul's Comfort! do. Indeed I want it.
I, who had once the plenty of the Earth,
Now want a Root and Water. Go, my Boy,
And see who'll give a Morsel to poor *Marius*.
Nay, I'll not starve; No, I will plunge in Riot,
Wallow in Plenty. Drink! I'll drink, I'll drink.
Give me that Goblet hither----- Here's a Health
To all the Knaves and Senators in *Rome*.

Mar. Jun. Repose your self a while, 'till we return.

Mar. Sen. I will, but pr'ythee let me rave a little.
Go, pr'ythee go, and don't delay. I'll rest,
As thou shalt, *Rome*, if e'er my Fortune raise me-----

[*Exit Mar. Jun.*

Enter Lavinia.

Another Murth'rer? this brings smiling Fate:
A deadly Snake cloth'd in a dainty Skin.

Lav. I've wandred up and down these Woods and
Meadows,

'Till I have lost my way-----

Against a tall, young, slender, well-grown Oak
Leaning, I found *Lavinia* in the Bark,
My *Marius* should not be far hence.

Mar. Sen. What art thou,
That dar'st to name that wretched Creature *Marius*?

Lav. Do not be angry, Sir, whate'er thou art,
I am a poor unhappy Woman, driven
By Fortune to pursue my banish'd Lord.

Mar. Sen. By thy dissembling Tone thou should'st be
Woman,
And *Roman* too.

Lav. Indeed I am.

Mar. Sen. A *Roman*?

If thou art so, be gone, lest Rage with Strength
Assist my Vengeance, and I rise and kill thee.

Lav.

Lav. My Father, is it you?

Mar. Sen. Now thou art Woman;
For Lies are in thee. I? am I thy Father?
I ne'er was yet so curst: None of thy Sex
E'er sprung from me. My Off-spring all are Males,
The nobler sort of Beasts entit'led Men.

Lav. I am your Daughter, if your Son's my Lord.
Have you ne'er heard *Lavinia's* Name in *Rome*,
That wedded with the Son of *Marius*?

Mar. Sen. Hah!

Art thou that fond, that kind and doating thing,
That left her Father, for a banish'd Husband?
Come near-----

And let me bless thee, tho' thy Name's my Foe.

Lav. Alas, my Father, you seem much oppress'd:
Your Lips are parcht, blood-hot your Eyes and sunk,
Will you partake such Fruits as I have garher'd?
Taste, Sir, this Peach, and this Pomegranate; both are
Ripe and refreshing.

Mar. Sen. What? all this from thee,
Thou Angel, whom the Gods have sent to aid me;
I don't deserve thy Bounty.

Lav. Here, Sir's more.

I found a Chrystal Spring too in the Wood,
And took some Water: 'tis most soft and cool.

Mar. Sen. An Emperor's Feast! but I shall rob thee.

Lav. No, I've eat, and slak'd my Thirst. But where's
My Lord,
My dearest *Marius*?

Mar. Sen. To th' Neighb'ring Village
He's gone, to beg his Father's Dinner, Daughter.

Lav. Will you then call me Daughter? will you own it?
I'm much o'er-paid for all the Wrongs of Fortune.
But surely *Marius* can't be brought to want.
I've Gold and Jewels too, and they'll buy Food.

Enter Marius Junior.

Mar. Sen. See here, my *Marius*, what the Gods have
sent us.
See thy *Lavinia*.

Mar. Jun. Hah!

[*They run and embrace.*

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Mar. Sen. What? dumb at meeting?

Mar. Jun. Why weeps my Love?

Lav. I cannot speak, Tears so obstruct my Words,
And choak me with unutterable Joy.

Mar. Jun. Oh my Heart's Joy!

Lav. My Soul!

Mar. Jun. But hast thou left
Thy Father's House, the Pomp and State of *Rome*,
To follow Desert-Misery!

Lav. I come
To bear a part in every thing that's thine,
Be't Happiness or Sorrow. In these Woods,
Whilst from pursuing Enemies you're safe
I'll range about, and find the Fruits and Springs,
Gather cool Sedges, Daffadils and Lilies,
And softest Camomil to make us Beds,
Whereon my Love and I at Night will sleep,
And dream of better Fortune.

Enter Granius and Servant with Wine and Meat.

Mar. Sen. Yet more Plenty?
Sure *Comus*, the God of Feasting, haunts these Woods,
And means to entertain us as his Guests.

Serv. I am sent hither, *Marius*, from my Lord,
Sextilius the Prætor, to relieve thee,
And warn thee that thou strait depart this Place,
Else he the Senate's Edict must obey,
And treat thee as the Foe of *Rome*.

Mar. Sen. But did he,
Did he, *Sextilius*, bid thee say all this?
Was he too proud to come and see his Master,
That rais'd him out of nothing? Was he not
My menial Servant once, and wip'd these Shoes,
Ran by my Chariot-wheels, my Pleasures watcht,
And fed upon the voidings of my Table?
Durst he affront me with a sordid Alms?
And send a saucy Message by a Slave?
Hence with thy Scraps: back to thy Teeth I dash 'em.
Be gone whilst thou art safe. Hold, stay a little.

Serv. What Answer would you have me carry back?

Mar. Sen. Go to *Sextilius*, tell him thou hast seen
Poor

Poor *Caius Marius* banish'd from his Country,
Sitting in Sorrow on the naked Earth,
Amidst an ample Fortune once his own,
Where now he cannot claim a Turf to sleep on. [Ex. Ser.
How am I fallen! Musick?---Sure the Gods [Soft Musick.
Are mad, or have design'd to make me so.

Enter *Martha*.

Well, what art Thou?

Marth. Am I a Stranger to thee?

Martha's my Name, the *Syrian* Prophetess,
That us'd to wait upon thee with good Fortune;
'Till banish'd out of *Rome* for serving Thee,
I've ever since inhabited these Woods,
And search'd the deepest Arts of wise Foreknowledge.

Mar. Sen. I know thee now most well. When thou
wert gone,

All my good Fortune left me. My lov'd Vulturs,
That us'd to hover o'er my happy Head,
And promise Honour in the Day of Battel,
Have since been seen no more. Even Birds of Prey
Forfake unhappy *Marius*: Men of Prey
Pursue him still. Hast thou no Hopes in store?

Marth. A hundred Spirits wait upon my Will,
To bring me Tidings from th' Earth's farthest Corners,
Of all that happens out in States and Councils:
I tell thee therefore, *Rome* is once more thine.
The Consuls have had Blows, and *Cinna's* beaten,
Who with his Army comes to find thee out.
To lead him back with Terrour to that City.

Mar. Sen. Speak on.

Marth. Nay, ere thou think'st it he will be with thee.
But let thy Sons, and these fair Nymphs retire,
Whilst I relieve thy wearied Eyes with Sleep,
And cheer thee in a Dream with promis'd Fate.

Mar. Jun. Come, my *Lavinia*, *Granius*, we'll withdraw
To some cool Shade, and wonder at our Fortune. [Ex.

[*Martha waves her Wand---A Dance.*

Mar. Sen. O Rest, thou Stranger to my Senses, welcome.

Enter *Servant* and a *Russian*.

Serv. Ten Attick Talents shall be thy Reward,
Sextilius gives 'em thee. Dispatch him safely.

Ruff. Fear not, he never wakes again.

Mar. Sen. No more.

I'll hear no more. *Metellus* live? No, no:

He dies, he dies. So, bear him to the *Tiber*,

And plunge him to the bottom. Hah, *Antonius*!

Where are my Guards? Dispatch that talking Knave,

That when he should be doing publick Service,

Consumes his time in Speeches to the Rabble,

And sows Sedition in a City. Down,

Down with *Pompeius* too, that call'd me Traitor.

Hah! art thou there? Welcome once more, old *Marius*,

To *Rome's* Tribunal.

Ruff. Now's the time.

Mar. Sen. Stand off,

Secure that *Gaul*---Dar'st thou kill *Caius Marius*? [*Wakes.*

Hah! speak? What art thou?

Ruff. By *Sextilius* hired

I hither came to take your Life. Spare mine,

And I'll for ever serve you at your Feet.

Mar. Sen. What barb'rous Slaves are these, that envy me
The open Air; set Prices on my Head,

As they would do on Wolves that slay their Flock!

Enter Sulpitius.

[*Trumpets.*

Trumpets! *Sulpitius*, where hast thou been wand'ring
Since the late Storm that drove us from each other?

Sulp. Why, doing Mischief up and down the City,

Picking up discontented Fools; belying

The Senators and Government, destroying

Faith amongst honest Men, and praising Knaves.

Mar. Sen. Oh, but where's *Cinna*!

Sulp. Ready to salute you---

Enter Cinna attended with Lictors and Guards.

Cin. Romans, once more behold your Consul; see,
Is that a Fortune fit for *Caius Marius*?

Advance your Axes and your Rods before him,

And give him all the Customs of his Honour. [*Marius.*

Mar. Sen. Away: such Pomp becomes not wretched
Here let me pay Obedience to my Consul.

Lead me, great *Cinna*, where thy Foes have wrong'd thee,
And see how thy old Soldier will obey.

Cin.

Cin. O *Marius*, be our Hearts united ever,
To carry Desolation into *Rome*,
And waste that Den of Monsters to the Earth.

Mar. Sen. Shall we ?

Cin. We'll do't. That godly soothsaying Fool,
That sacrificing Dolt, that Sot *Octavius*,
When we were chosen Consuls in the *Forum*,
Disown'd me for his Collegue ; said, the God
Had told him I design'd Tyrannick Pow'r ;
Provok'd the Citizens, who took up Arms,
And drove me forth the Gates.

Mar. Sen. Excellent Mischief!
What's to be done ?

Cin. No sooner was I gone,
But a large Part of that great City follow'd me.
There's not an honest Spirit left in *Rome*,
That does not own my Cause, and wish for *Marius*.

Mar. Sen. Bring me my Horse, my Armour, and the Laurel
With which when I'd o'ercome three barb'rous Nations,
Fenter'd crown'd with Triumph into *Rome*.
I go to free her now from greater Mischiefs.

Enter Marius Junior and Granius.

O my young Warriour !

Mar. Jun. Curst be the Light,
And ever curst be all these Regions round us.
Lavinia's lost, borne back with force to *Rome*,
By Ruffians headed by her Father's Kinsmen ;
And like a Coward too I live, yet saw it.

[*Exit.*

Mar. Sen. Oh *Marius* ! *Marius* ! let not'plaints come from
Nor cloud the Joy that's breaking on thy Father. [thee,
If she be back in *Rome*, *Lavinia's* thine,
To-morrow's dawn restores her to thy Arms.
For that fair Mistress, Fortune, which has cost
So dear, for which such Hardships I have past,
Is coy no more, but crowns my Hopes at last.
I long t' embrace her, nay, 'tis Death to stay.
I'm mad as promis'd Bridegrooms, borne away
With thoughts of nothing but the joyful Day. *Exeunt.*

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SCENE

SCENE III. Metellus's House.

Enter Metellus, Lavinia, and Priest of Hymen.

Lav. Nay, you have catch'd me: You may kill me too:
But with my Cries I'll rend the echoing Heav'ns,
'Till all the Gods are witness how you use me.

Met. What? like a Vagrant fly thy Father's House?
And follow fulsomely an exil'd Slave,
Disdain'd by all the World, but abject thou?
Resolve to go, or bound be sent to *Sylla*,
With as much Scorn as thou hast done me Shame.

Lav. Do bind me, kill me, rack these Limbs: I'll bear it.
But, Sir, consider still I am your Daughter,
And one Hour's Converse with this holy Man
May teach me to repent, and shew Obedience.

Met. Think not to evade me by protracting time:
For if thou dost not, may the Gods forsake me,
As I will thee, if thou escape my Fury.----- *Exit.*

Lav. Oh! bid me leap (rather than go to *Sylla*)
From off the Battlements of any Tow'r,
Or walk in Thievish ways, or bid me lurk
Where Serpents are: chain me with roaring Bears;
Or hide me nightly in a Charnel-house
O'er-cover'd quite with dead Mens rattling Bones,
With reeky Shanks, and yellow chapless Skulls:
Or bid me go into a new-made Grave,
And hide me with a dead Man in his Shroud:
Things that to hear but told have made me tremble:
And I'll go through it without fear or doubting,
To keep my Vows unspotted to my Love-----

Priest. Take here this Vial then, and in this moment
Drink it, when straight through all thy Veins shall run
A cold and drowzie Humour more than Sleep:
And in Death's borrow'd likeness shalt thou lie
Two Summer Days, then wake as from a Slumber,
'Till *Marius* by my Letters know what's past,
And come by stealth to *Rome*.-----

Lav. Give me; oh! give me: tell me not of Fears.

Priest. Farewel: Be bold and prosp'rous. [*Exit.*
Lav.

Lav. Oh! Farewel-----

Heav'n knows if ever we shall meet again.

I have a faint cold Fear thrills through my Veins,

That almost freezes up the Heat of Life.

I'll call him back again to comfort me.

Stay, holy Man. But what should he do here?

My dismal Scene 'tis fit I act alone.

What if this Mixture do not work at all?

Shall I to morrow then be sent to *Sylla*?

No, no,---this shall forbid it; lye thou there-----

[*Lays down the Dagger.*]

Or how, if, when I'm laid into the Tomb,

I wake before the time that *Marius* come

To my Relief? There, there's a fearful Point.

Shall I not then be stifled in the Vault,

Where for these many hundred Years the Bones

Of all my bury'd Ancestors are pack'd?

Where, as they say, Ghosts at some Hours resort,

With Mandrakes shrieks torn from the Earth's dark

That living Mortals hearing them run mad? [Womb,

Or if I wake, shall I not be distracted,

Inviron'd round with all these hideous Fears,

And madly play with my Fore-fathers Joints;

Then in this Rage with some great Kinsman's Bones

As with a Club dash out my desperate Brains!

What? *Sylla*? Get thee gone, thou meagre Lover:

My Sense abhors thee. Don't disturb my Draught;

'Tis to my Lord. [*Drinks.*! Oh *Marius*! *Marius*! *Marius*.]

[*Exit.*]

ACT V. SCENE I.

SCENE *Cinna's Camp before the Walls of Rome.*

Trumpets sound a General.

Enter Cinna, Marius Senior, and Sulpitius, Granius, two Ambassadors, Guards.

Cin. **A**mbassadors from Rome? How many Slaves,
Traitors, and Tyrants, Villains, was I call'd
But Yesterday? yet now their Consul *Cinna*?

Oh!

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Oh! What an excellent Master is an Army,
To teach rebellious Cities Manners! Say,
My Friend and Collegue *Marius*, shall we hear 'em?

Mar. Sen. Whom?

Cin. The Ambassadors.

Mar. Sen. From whence?

Cin. From *Rome*.

Mar. Sen. My loving Country-men? they must be heard,
Or *Sylla* will be angry----

Cin. In what State

And Pageantry the solid Lumps move on?
And though they come to beg, will be attended
With their ill-order'd Pomp and aukward Pride.
Who are ye? and from whence?

Amb. From wretched *Rome*,
To thee, most mighty *Cinna*, and to thee,
Most dread Lord *Marius*, in her Name we bow.

Cin. What's your Demand?

Amb. Hear but our humble Prayers,
And all Demands be made by Godlike *Cinna*.
Whither, oh! whither will your Rage pursue us?
Must all the Fortunes and the Lives of *Rome*
Suffer for one Miscarriage of her Masters?
Your sorrowful afflicted Mother *Rome*,
In whose kind Bosom you were nurs'd and bred!
Stretches her trembling Arms t'implore your Pity.
Fold up your dreadful Ensigns, and lay by
Your warlike Terrours, that affright her Matrons;
And come to her, ere Sorrows quite o'erwhelm her.
But come like Sons that bring their Parents Joy:
Enter her Gates with Dove-like Peace before ye,
And let no bloody Slaughter stain her Streets.

Cin. Thus 'tis you think to heal up smarting Honour,
By pouring flatt'ring Balm into the Wound.
Which for a time may make it whole and fair:
'Till the false Medicine be at last discover'd,
And then it rankles to a Sore again.
Take this my Answer: I will enter *Rome*;
But for my Force, I'll keep it still my own,
Nor part with Pow'r to give it to my Foes.

Mar. Sen.

Mar. Sen. Sulpitius, see, what abject Slaves are these?
Such base Deformities a long Robe hides.

Sulp. I cannot but laugh to think on't.

Mar. Sen. What?

Sulp. How these politick Noddles, that look so grave
upon the Matter in the Senate-house, will laugh and grin
at one another, when they are set a Sunning upon the
Capitol.

2 *Amb.* May we return with Joy into our City,
Proclaiming Peace, agreed with Heav'n and you?

Cin. Go tell 'em we expect due Homage paid,
Of every Senator expect Acknowledgment,
Mighty Rewards and Offices of Honour.

1 *Amb.* But on that Brow there still appears a Cloud,
That never rose without a following Storm.

Mar. Sen. Alas! for me a simple banish'd Man,
Driv'n from my Country by the Right of Law,
And justly punish'd as my Ills deserv'd,
Think not of me: Whate'er ate his Resolves,
I shall obey.

Both Amb. May all the Gods reward you.-----

[[*Ex. Ambass. and Attendants.*

Cin. Now *Marius*.

Mar. Sen. Now, my *Cinna*.

Cin. Are not we

True born of *Rome*, true Sons of such a Mother?
How I adore thy Temper!

Mar. Sen. Those two Knaves,
These whining, fawning, humble pliant Villains,
Would cut thy Throat or mine for half a *Drachma*.

Cin. Let's not delay a Moment.

Mar. Sen. Oh! let's fly,
Enter this Cursed City; nay, with Smiles too,
But false as the adulterate Promises
Of Favourites in Pow'r, when poor Men court 'em.

Cin. They always hated me, because a Soldier.

Mar. Sen. Base Natures ever grudge at things above 'em,
And hate a Pow'r they are too much oblig'd to.
When Fears are on them, then their kindest Wishes
And best Rewards attend the gallant Warriour:
But Dangers vanish'd, infamous Neglect,

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Ill-Usage and Reproach are all his Portion ;
Or at the best he's wedded to hard Wants,
Robb'd of that little Hire he toil'd and bled for.

Sulp. I'd rather turn a bold true-hearted Rogue,
Live upon Prey, and hang for't with my Fellows ;
Than, when my Honour and my Country's Cause
Call me to Dangers, be so basely branded.

Mar. Sen. Ere we this City enter then, let's swear
Not to destroy one honest *Roman* living.

Sulp. Nor one chaste Matron.

Cin. Nor a faithful Friend,

Nor true-born-Heir, nor Senator that's wife. (Brats,

Mar. Sen. But Knaves and Villains, Whores, and base-born
And th'endless swarms of Fools grown up in Years,
Be Slaughter's Game, 'till we dispeople *Rome*.

Cin. Draw out our Guards, and let the Trumpets sound.

Mar. Sen. 'Till all things tell 'em *Marius* is at Hand.

O *Sylla*, if at *Capua* thou shalt hear
How Fortune deals with me, fall on thy Knees,
And make the Gods thy Friends to keep thee from me.
Sulpitius, as 'long the Streets we move
With solemn Pace and meditating Mischiefs,
Whome'er I smile on let thy Sword go through.
Oh ! can the Matrons and the Virgins Cries,
The Screams of dying Infants, and the Groans
Of murder'd Men be Musick to appease me ?
Sure Death's not far from such a desperate Cure.
Be't with me rather (Gods) as Storms let loose,
That rive the Trunks of tallest Cedars down,
And tear from tops the loaded pregnant Vine,
And kill the tender Flow'rs but yet half blown.
For having no more Fury left in store,
Heav'n's Face grows clear, the Storm is heard no more,
And Nature smiles as gaily as before---- } *[Exeunt.]*

S C E N E II. *Metellus's House.*

Enter Metellus.

Met. A Peace with *Marius* ! O most base Submission !
That over-ruling Fears should weigh up Reason ?
Was not the City ours, and *Sylla* too ?

At

At *Capua*, almost in a Trumpet's Call?
And to submit! Could I but once have fought for't,
I might have met this *Marius* in Arms,
And been reveng'd for all the Mischiefs done me.
Nurse.

Enter Nurse.

Nurse. Here, an't shall please you.

Met. Go wake *Lavinia*. Tell her, she must hence
For *Capua* this Morning; for the Truce
Favours her Journey, and secures her Passage. [*Exit.*

[*Scene draws, and discovers Lavinia on a Couch.*

Nurse. Wake her? Poor Titmouse! it will be as peevish,
I'll warrant you, and rub its Nye's, and so frown now.
Well: Mistress! why *Lavinia*! fast I warrant her.
Why, Lamb! Why Lady! Fie, you Slug-a-bed.
What, not a Word? You take your penny-worth now,
Sleep for a Week; for the next Night (my Word for't)
Sylla takes care that you shall rest but little.

Gods forgive me----

Marry and *Amen*. How sound is she asleep?
I must needs waken her. Madam! Madam! Madam!
Now should your Lover find you in this Posture,
He'd fright you up i' faith? What? Won't it do?
Drest too? And in your Cloaths? and down again?
Nay, I must wake you. Lady! Lady! Lady!
Alas! alas! help, my Lady's dead.
Ah! well-a-day that ever I was born!
Some *Aqua vite*. Hoa! my Lord--my Lady----

Enter Metellus.

Met. *Lavinia* dead?

Nurse. Your only Daughter's dead:
As dead as a Herring, Stock-fish, or Door-nail.

Met. Stiff, cold and pale. Where are thy Beauties now?
Thy Blushes that have warm'd so many Hearts?
All Hearts that ever felt her conqu'ring Beauty,
Sigh 'till ye break; and all ye Eyes that languish'd
In my *Lavinia's* Brightness, weep with me,
'Till Grief grow general, and the World's in Tears.

Nurse. Oh Day! oh Day! oh Day! oh hateful Day!
Never was seen so black Day as this.

Oh Day! oh woful Day! oh Day, like Night!

H

Me.

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Met. No more: Thus in her Bridal Ornaments,
Drest as she is, she shall be borne to Burial,
T'ch' Sepulchre where our Forefathers rest.
Be't done, whilst all things we ordain'd for Joy
Turn from their Office, and assist in Sadness. [*Ex.*

Nurse. I shall be done and done and overdone, as we are
undone. And I will sigh, and cry 'till I'm swell'd as big
as a Pumpkin. Nay, my poor Baby, I'll take care thou shalt
not die for nothing; for I will wash thee with my Tears,
perfume thee with my Sighs, and stick a Flower in every
part about thee-----

*SCENE changes to the Forum, where is placed
the Consul's Tribunal.*

Enter two Citizens.

1 Cit. Whither, oh whither shall we fly for Safety?
Already reeking Murther's in our Streets,
Matrons with Infants in their Arms are butcher'd,
And *Rome* appears one noisom House of Slaughter.

2 Cit. Hear us, ye Gods, and pity our Calamities.
Stop, stop the Fury of this cruel Tyrant;
Or send your Thunder forth to strike us dead,
Ere our own Slaves are Master of our Throats.

1 Cit. Ruin draws near us. Oh my Friend! let's fly
To the Altars of our Gods, and by the Hands
Of one another die, as *Romans* ought. *Exeunt.*

Enter Ancharius the Senator, and his Grandson.

Child. Hide me, my Grandfire; the ugly Men are coming,
That kill'd my Mother and my Sister *Ithesbia*.
Will they kill you and me too?

Anch. Oh my Child!
I cannot hide thee, nor know not what to do.
Decrepit Age benumbs my weary Limbs:
I can't resist, nor fly-----

Child. Then here we'll sit;
Perhaps they'll not come yet; or if they do,
I'll fall upon my Knees, and beg your Life.
I am a very little harmless Boy;
And when I cry, and talk, and hang about 'em,
They'll pity sure my Tears, and grant me all.

Enter

Enter several old Men in Black with Cypress Wreaths, leading Virgins in white with Myrtle, who kneel before the Tribunal.

Then enters Marius Senior as Consul, Licitors, Sulpitius and Guards.

Mar. Sen. I thank ye Gods, ye have restor'd me now,
[Mounts the Tribunal.]

What Pageantry is this, *Sulpitius*, here?

Remove these Slaves, and bear 'em to their Fates.

1 Old Man. We come not for our selves, but in the Name
Of *Rome*, to offer up our Lives for all.

Pity a wretched State, thou raging God,

And let loose all thy dreadful Fury here.

Mar. Sen. I know ye all, great Senators; ye are
The Heads and Patrons of *Rebellious Rome*.

Ye can be humble when Affliction galls ye:

And with that Cheat at any time ye think

To charm a generous Mind, though ye have wrong'd it,
False are your Safeties when indulg'd by Pow'r:

For soon ye fatten and grow able Traitors.

False are your Fears, and your Afflictions falser:

For they cheat you, and make you hope for Mercy,

Which you shall never gain at *Marius'* Hands.

Who trusts your Penitence is more than Fool,

Rebellion will renew: ye can't be honest.

You're never pleas'd but with the Knaves that cheat you,

And work your Follies to their private Ends.

For your Religion, like your Cloaths you wear it,

To change and turn just as the Fashion alters.

And think you by this solemn piece of Fooling

To hush my Rage, and melt me into Pity?

Advance, *Sulpitius*; old *Ancharius* there,

Who was so violent for my Destruction,

Thar his Beard bristled, and his Face distorted;

Away with him. Dispatch these Triflers too.

But spare the Virgins, 'cause mine Eyes have seen 'em:

Or keep 'em for my Warriours to rejoice in.

Anch. Thou who wert born to be the Plague of *Rome*,
What wouldst thou do with me?

H 2

Mar.

Mar. Sen. Dispose thee hence
Amongst the other Offal, for the Jaws
Of hungry Death, 'till *Rome* he purg'd of Villains.
Thou dy'st for wronging *Marius*.

Child. Oh my Lord!
(For you must be a Lord, you are so angry)
For my sake spare his Life. I have no Friend
But him to guard my tender Years from Wrongs.
When he is dead, what will become of me,
A poor and helpless Orphan, naked left
To all the Ills of the wide faithless World?

Mar. Sen. Take hence this Brat too; mount it on a Spear,
And make it sprawl to make the Grandfire sport.

Child. O cruel Man! I'll hang upon your Knees,
And with my little dying Hands implore you:
I may be fit to do you some small Pleasures.
I'll find a thousand tender ways to please you;
Smile when you rage, and stroke you into mildness;
Play with your manly Neck, and call you Father:
For mine (alas!) the Gods have taken from me. [Breasts

Mar. Sen. Young Crocodile! Thus from their Mothers
Are they instructed, bred, and taught in *Rome*.
For that old Paralytick Slave, dispatch him:
Let me not know he breathes another moment.
But spare this, cause't has learn'd its Lesson well,
And I've a Softness in my Heart pleads for him.

Enter Messenger.

Well now.

Mef. Metellus.

Mar. Sen. Hah! *Metellus*? What.

Mef. Is found.

Mar. Sen. Speak, where?

Mef. In an old Suburb-Cottage,
Upbraiding Heav'n, and cursing at your Fortune.

Mar. Sen. Haste, let him be preserv'd for my own Fury;
Clap, clap your Hands for Joy, ye Friends of *Marius*;
Ten thousand Talents for the News I'll give thee.
The Core and Bottom of my Torment's found;
And in a Moment I shall be at ease.

Rome's Walls no more shall be besmeat'd with Blood,

But

But Peace and Gladness flourish in her Streets.
Let's go. *Metellus*! we have found *Metellus*,
Let every Tongue proclaim aloud *Metellus*;
Till I have dash'd him on the Rock of Fate,
Then be his Name forgot, and heard no more.

[*Ex.*

SCENE IV. *A Church-yard.*

Enter Marius Junior.

Mar. Jun. As I have wander'd musing to and fro,
Still am I brought to this unlucky place,
As I had business with the horrid Dead:
Though could I trust to flattery of Sleep,
My Dreams presage some joyful News at hand.
My Bosom's Lord sits lightly on his Throne,
And all this day an unaccustom'd Spirit
Lifts me above the Ground with chearful Thoughts.
I dreamt *Lavinia* came and found me dead,
And breath'd such Life with Kisses on my Lips,
That I reviv'd, and was an Emperor.

Enter Catulus.

Cat. My Lord already here?

Mar. Jun. My trusty *Catulus*,
What News from my *Lavinia*? speak and bless me.

Cat. She's very well.-----

Mar. Jun. Then nothing can be ill.
Something thou seem'st to know that's terrible,
Out with it boldly, Man; what can'st thou say
Of my *Lavinia*?

Cat. But one sad word; She's dead,
Here in her Kindred's Vault I've seen her laid,
And have been searching you to tell the News.

Mar. Jun. Dead! is it so? then I deny you, Stars.
Go, hasten quickly, get me Ink and Paper.
'Tis done: I'll hence to Night.

Hast thou no Letters to me from the Priest?

Cat. No, my good Lord.

Mar. Jun. No matter, get thee gone---[*Exit Catulus.*
Lavinia! yet I'll lie with thee to Night;
But for the means. Oh Mischief! thou art swift

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To catch the stragling Thoughts of desp'rate Men.

I do remember an Apothecary,
That dwelt about this Rendezvous of Death :
Meagre and very rueful were his Looks ;
Sharp Misery had worn him to the Bones ;
And in his needy Shop a Tortoise hung,
An Allegator stuff'd, and other Skins
Of ill-shap'd Fishes : and about his Shelves
A beggarly account of empty Boxes,
Green Earthen-pots, Bladders, and musty Seeds,
Remnants of Pack-thread, and old Cakes of Roses,
Were thinly scatter'd to make up a Show.
Oh for a Poison now ! his Need will sell it,
Though it be present Death by *Roman* Law.
As I remember, this should be the House.
His Shop is shut : with Beggars all are Holidays.
Holla ? Apothecary ; ho !

Enter Apothecary.

Apoth. Who's there ?

Mar. Jun. Come hither, Man,

I see thou art very poor ;
Thou may'st do any thing : here's fifty *Drachma's*
Get me a Draught of that will soonest free
A Wretch from all his Cares : thou understand'st me.

Apoth. Such mortal Drugs I have, but *Roman* Law
Speaks Death to any he that utters them.

Mar. Jun. Art thou so base, and full of Wretchedness,
Yet fear'st to dye ? Famine is in thy Checks,
Need and Oppression stareth in thy Eyes,
Contempt and Beggary hang on thy Back ;
The World is not thy Friend, nor the World's Law ;
The World affords no Law to make thee rich :
Then be not poor, but break it, and take this.

Apoth. My Poverty, but not my Will consents----

[Goes in, and fetches a Vial of Poison.]

Take this and drink it off, the Work is done.

Mar. Jun. There is thy Gold, worse Poison to Mens Souls,
Doing more Murders in this loathsome World
Than these poor Compounds thou'rt forbid to sell.
I sell thee Poison, thou hast sold me none.

Farewel

Farewel---buy Food---and get thy self in Flesh.

Now for the Monument of the *Metelli*----

Exit.

Scene draws, and shews the Temple and Monument.

Re-enter Marius.

It should be here: The Door is open too.

Th' insatiate Mouth of Fate gapes wide for more.

Enter Priest, and Boy with a Mattock and Iron Crow.

Priest. Give me the Mattock and the wrenching Iron!

Now take this Letter, with what haste thou canst,

Find out young *Marius*, and deliver it.

Exit Boy.

Now must I to the Monument alone.

What Wretch is he that's entring into th' Tomb?

Some Villain come to rob and spoil the Dead.

Whoe'er thou art, stop thy unhallow'd Purpose.

Mar. Jun. Whoe'er thou art, I warn thee to be gone,
And do not interrupt my horrid Purpose.

For else by Heav'n I'll tear thee Joint by Joint,

And strew this hungry Church-yard with thy Limbs.

My Mind, and its Intents are savage, wild,

More fierce and more inexorable far

Than empty Tygers, or the roaring Sea.

Priest. Then as a sacrilegious Slave I charge thee,
Obey and go with me, or thou must die.

Mar. Jun. I know I must, and therefore I came hither,
Good Reverence, do not tempt a desp'rate Man.

By Heav'n, I love thee better than my self:

For I against my self come hither arm'd.

Stay not, be gone---Live, and hereafter say,

A Mad-man's Mercy gave thee honest Counsel.

Priest. I do desire thy Mercy and thy Counsel,
And here will seize thee as a Thief and Robber.

Mar. Jun. Wilt thou provoke me? Then here, take thy
Wages.

[Kills him.]

Priest. I'm kill'd. Oh *Marius*! now too late I know thee.
Thou'st slain the only Man could do thee good.

Lavinia----Oh!----

Mar. Jun. Let me peruse this Face.

It is the Honest Priest that join'd our Hands,

In a Disguise conceal'd. Give me thy Hand;

Since in ill Fate's black Roll with me thou'rt writ,

I'll bury thee in a triumphant Grave.
 Thou detestable Maw, thou Womb of Death,
 Gorg'd with the dearest Morfel of the Earth,
 Thus will I force thy rotten Jaws to open,
 And spite of thee yet cram thee with more Food.

[Falls down the side of the Tomb.]

Oh gorgeous Palace! oh my Love! my Wife!
 Death has had yet no Pow'r upon thy Beauty;
 That is nor conquer'd. Beauty's Ensign yet
 Is Crimson in thy Lips and in thy Cheeks;
 And the pale Flag is not advanc'd yet there.
 Why art thou still so fair? Shall I believe
 That the lean Monster Death is amorous,
 And keeps thee here in Darknefs for his Paramour?
 For fear of that, I'll stay with thee for ever.
 Come, bitter Conduct, thou unsavoury Guide:

Here's to my Love----

[Drinks the Poison.]

And now Eyes look your last,
 Arms take your last Embrace, whilst on these Lips
 I fix the Seal of an eternal Contract----

She breathes and stirs.-----

[Lavinia wakes.]

Lav. in the Tomb. Where am I? Bless me, Heav'n!

'Tis very cold; and yet here's something warm----

Mar. Jun. She lives, and we shall both be made Immortal.
 Speak, my *Lavinia*, speak some heavenly News,
 And tell me how the Gods design to treat us.

Lav. O! I have slept a long ten thousand Years.
 What have they done with me? I'll not be used thus?
 I'll not wed *Sylla*. *Marius* is my Husband,
 Is he not, Sir? Methinks you're very like him.
 Be good as he is, and protect me.

Mar. Jun. Hah!

Wilt thou not own me? am I then but like him?
 Much, much indeed I'm chang'd from what I was;
 And ne'er shall be my self, if thou art lost.

Lav. The Gods have heard my Vows; it is my *Marius*.
 Once more they have restor'd him to my Eyes.
 Hadst thou not come, sure I had slept for ever.
 But there's a Sovereign Charm in thy Embraces,
 That might do Wonders, and revive the Dead.

Mar.

Mar. Jun. Ill Fate no more, *Lavinia*, now shall part us,
Nor cruel Parents, nor oppressing Laws.
Did not Heav'n's Pow'rs all wonder at our Loves?
And when thou told'st the Tale of thy Disasters,
Was there not Sadness and a Gloom amongst 'em?
I know there was; and they in pity sent thee,
Thus to redeem me from this Vale of Torments,
And bear me with thee to those Hills of Joys.
This World's gross Air grows burthen some already.
I'm all a God; such heav'nly Joys transport me,
That mortal Sense grows sick, and faints with lasting. [*Dies.*

Lav. Oh! to recount my Happiness to thee,
To open all the Treasure of my Soul,
And shew thee how 'tis fill'd, would waste more time
Than so impatient Love as mine can spare.
He's gone! he's dead! breathless: alas! my *Marius*.
A Vial too; here, here has been his Bane.
O Churl! drink all? not leave one friendly Drop
For poor *Lavinia*? Yet I'll drain thy Lips.
Perhaps some welcome Poison may hang there,
To help me to o'errake thee on thy Journey.
Clammy and damp as Earth. Hah! stains of Blood?
And a Man murther'd? 'Tis th' unhappy *Flamen*.
Who fix their Joys on any thing that's Mortal,
Let 'em behold my Portion, and despair.
What shall I do? how will the Gods dispose me?
Oh! I could rend these Walls with Lamentation,
Tear up the Dead from their corrupted Graves,
And dawb the Face of Earth with her own Bowels.

Enter Marius Senior, and Guards, driving in Metellus.

Mar. Sen. Pursue the Slave: let not his Gods protect him.

Lav. More Mischiefs? hah! My Father.

Met. Oh! I am slain. [*Falls down and dies.*

Lav. And murther'd too. When will my Woes have end?
Come, cruel Tyrant.

Mar. Sen. Sure I have known that Face.

Lav. And canst thou think of any one good Turn
That I have done thee, and not kill me for't?

Mar. Sen. Art thou not call'd *Lavinia*?

Lav. Once I was.

But

But by my Woes may now be better known.

Mar. Sen. I cannot see thy Face----

Lav. You must, and hear me.

By this, you must: nay, I will hold you fast.

[Seizes his Sword.

Mar. Sen. What wouldst thou say? where's all my Rags gone now?

Lav. I am *Lavinia*, born of noble Race.
My blooming Beauty conquer'd many Hearts,
But prov'd the greatest Torment of my own:
Tho' my Vows prosper'd, and my Love was answer'd
By *Marius*, the noblest, goodliest Youth
That Man e'er envy'd ar, or Virgin sigh'd for.
He was the Son of an unhappy Parent,
And banish'd with him when our Joys were young;
Scarce a Night old.

Mar. Sen. I do remember't well.
And thou art She, that Wonder of thy Kind,
That could'st be true to exil'd Misery,
And to and fro through barren Desarts range,
To find th'unhappy Wretch thy Soul was fond of.

Lav. Do you remember't well?

Mar. Sen. In every Point.

Lav. You then were gentle, took me in your Arms,
Embrac'd me, blest me, us'd me like a Father,
And sure I was not thankless for the Bounty.

Mar. Sen. No, thou wert, next the Gods, my only Comfort.
When I lay fainting on the dry parch'd Earth,
Beneath the scorching Heat of burning Noon,
Hungry and dry, no Food nor Friend to chear me:
Then Thou, as by the Gods some Angel sent,
Cam'st by, and in Compassion didst relieve me.

Lav. Did I all this?

Mar. Sen. Thou didst; thou sav'dst my Life,
Else I had sunk beneath the Weight of Want,
And been a Prey to my remorseless Foes.

Lav. And see how well I am at last rewarded.
All could not balance for the short-term'd Life
Of one old Man: You have my Father butcher'd,
The only Comfort I had left on Earth.

The Gods have taken too my Husband from me;
See where he lies, your and my only Joy.
This Sword, yet reeking with my Father's Gore,
Plunge it into my Breast: plunge, plunge it thus.
And now let Rage, Distraction and Despair
Seize all Mankind, 'till they grow mad as I am.

[Stabs her self with his Sword.]

Mar. Sen. Nay, now thou hast outdone me much in
Be Nature's Light extinguish'd; let the Sun (Cruelty.
Withdraw his Beams, and put the World in Darkness,
Whilst here I howl away my Life in Sorrows.
Oh let me bury Me and all my Sins
Here with this good old Man. Thus let me kiss
Thy pale sunk Cheeks, embalm thee with my Tears.
My Son, how cam'st thou by this wretched End?
We might have all been Friends, and in one House
Enjoy'd the Blessings of eternal Peace.
But oh! my cruel Nature has undone me.

Enter Messenger.

Mes. My Lord, I bring you most disastrous News.
Sylla's return'd; his Army's on their March
From *Capua*, and to-morrow will reach *Rome*,
At which the Rabble are in new Rebellion,
And your *Sulpicius* mortally is wounded.

Enter Sulpitius (led by two of the Guards) and Granius.

Mar. Sen. Oh! then I'm ruin'd! From this very Moment
Has my good Genius left me; Hope forsakes me.
The Name of *Sylla's* baneful to my Fortune.
Be warn'd by me, ye Great ones, how y'embroil
Your Country's Peace, and dip your Hands in Slaughter.
Ambition is a Lust that's never quench'd,
Grows more inflam'd and madder by Enjoyment.
Bear me away, and lay me on my Bed,
A hopeless Vessel bound for the dark Land
Of loathsome Death, and loaded deep with Sorrows.

[He is led off.]

Sulp. A Curse on all Repentance! how I hate it!
I'd rather hear a Dog howl! than a Man whine.

Gran. You're wounded, Sir: I hope it is not much.

Sulp. No; 'tis not so deep as a Well, nor so wide as a
Church-door; but 'tis deep enough; 'twill serve; I am
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pepper'd I warrant, I warrant for this World. A Pox on all Mad-men hereafter. If I get a Monument, let this be my Epitaph:

*Sulpitius lies here, that troublesome Slave,
That sent many honest Men to the Grave;
And dy'd like a Fool, when he had liv'd like a Knave.*

[Exeunt omnes.]

EP I L O G U E.

Spoke by Mrs. Barry, who acted Lavinia.

A Mischiefe on't! though I'm again alive,
May I believe this Play of ours shall thrive?
This Drumming, Trumpeting, and Fighting Play:
Why, what a Devil will the People say?
The Nation that's without and hears the Din,
Will swear we're raising Volunteers again.
For know, our Poet, when this Play was made,
Had nought but Drums and Trumpets in his Head,
Had banish'd Poetry and all her Charms,
And needs the Fool would be a Man at Arms.
No Prentice e'er grown weary of Indentures
Had such a longing Mind to seek Adventures.
Nay, sure at last th' Infection general grew;
For t'other Day I was a Captain too:
Neither for Flanders nor for France to roam,
But, just as you were all, to stay at home.
And now for you who here come wrapt in Cloaks,
Only for Love of Underhill and Nurse Noakes;
Our Poet says; one Day to a Play ye come,
Which serves ye half a Year for Wit at home.
But which amongst you is there to be found,
Will take his third Day's Pawn for fifty Pound?
Or, now he is Cashier'd, will fairly venture
To give him ready Money for's Debenture?
Therefore when he receiv'd that fatal Doom,
This Play came forth, in hopes his Friends would come
To help a poor disbanded Soldier home.



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